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land, n.1

Pronunciation: ² Brit. /land/, U.S. /lənd/

Forms: Old English—**land**; also Old English, Middle English 1600s **lond**, Middle English—1500s ...

Frequency (in current use):

Origin: A word inherited from Germanic.

Etymology: Common Germanic: Old English *land*, *lond* strong neuter = Old Frisian *land*, *lond*...

The simple word.

1.

a. The solid portion of the earth's surface, as opposed to *sea*, *water*. Cf.

firm land *n.* at *FIRM* *adj.* 8, *DRY LAND* *n.* †occasionally classed as one of the 'elements' = *EARTH* *n.* ¹ 15.

Often in **to land**, **on land** (cf. *ALAND* *adv.*), **by land** (in quot. 1841 *transferred*); also †**at land** = on land, ashore.

c900 tr. Bede *Eccl. Hist.* (1890) II. iii. 104 Seo is monigra folca ceapstow of londe & of sæ cumendra.

OE *Beowulf* 1623 Com þa to lande lidmanna helm swiðmod swymman.

c1275 (♠?a1200) *LA3AMON Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 60 On Italice he com on lond.

♠ c1300 *Havelok* (Laud) (1868) 721 Fro londe worn he bote a mile.

a1325 (♠c1250) *Gen. & Exod.* (1968) l. 103 It hiled al ðis werldes drof; And fier and walkne and water and lond.

c1330 R. MANNYNG *Chron.* (1810) 266 Nouþer suld werri bi lond, no in water bi schip.

c1400 (♠?c1380) *Patience* l. 322 Þe barrez of vche a bonk ful bigly me haldes, Þat I may lachche no lont.

c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (1839) i. 6 He may go by many Weyes, bothe on See and Londe.

c1405 (♠c1390) G. CHAUCER *Man of Law's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 29 Ye seken lond and see for youre wynnynge.

1539 R. TAVERNER tr. Erasmus *Prouerbes* sig. B.iv^v It is moost pleasaunt rowynge nere the lande, and walkynge nere the see.

1590 E. SPENSER *Faerie Queene* III. II. sig. Cc7^v To hunt out perilles..By sea, by land, where so they may be mett.

1604 E. GRIMESTON tr. J. de Acosta *Nat. & Morall Hist. Indies* II. xi. 107 We feelee greater heat at land then at sea.

1604 E. GRIMESTON tr. J. de Acosta *Nat. & Morall Hist. Indies* III. ii. 118 It behooves vs now to treate of the three elements, aire, water and land.

a1616 W. SHAKESPEARE *Tempest* (1623) II. i. 128 I not doubt He came aliue to Land.

1667 J. MILTON *Paradise Lost* XI. 337 His Omnipresence fills Land, Sea, and Aire.

1675 H. NEVILLE tr. N. Machiavelli *Prince* xii, in tr. N. Machiavelli *Wks.* 216 They began to enterprize at land.

1719 D. DEFOE *Life Robinson Crusoe* 127 I fairly descry'd Land, whether an Island or a Continent, I could not tell.

1798 S. T. COLERIDGE *Anc. Marinere* VII, in W. Wordsworth & S. T. Coleridge *Lyrical Ballads* 48 And now all in mine own Countree I stood on the firm land!

- 1841 F. A. KEMBLE *Rec. Later Life* (1882) II. 142 At the beginning of railroad travelling, persons who preferred posting on the high road were said to go by land.
- 1849 A. ALISON *Hist. Europe from French Revol.* (new ed.) VIII. lv. 628 All the great defeats of France at land have come from England.
- 1866 C. KINGSLEY *Hereward the Wake* I. i. 63 I..was never afraid..to speak my mind to them, by sea or land.

†b. A tract of land. Also *transferred* of ice. *Obsolete*.

- 1604 E. GRIMESTON tr. J. de Acosta *Nat. & Morall Hist. Indies* III. x. 153 There is a straight and a long and stretched out land on eyther side.
- 1652 M. NEDHAM tr. J. Selden *Of Dominion of Sea* To Rdr. A large Bay or inlet of the Sea,..entering in betwixt two lands.
- 1669 S. STURMY *Mariners Mag.* IV. 139 Captain Luke Fox in his North-West Discoveries..complained fearfully of the fast Lands of Ice upon those Coasts.

2.

a. Ground or soil, esp. as having a particular use or particular properties. Often with defining word, as **arable land**, **corn-land**, **plough-land**, **stubble land**.

- c825 *Vesp. Psalter* cvii. 37 And seowun lond & plantadon wingearðas.
- a1050 *Liber Scintill.* (1889) x. 51 Færlic & swiðlic storm on hryre landu [L. *arua*] forhwyrfð.
- c1050 in T. Wright & R. P. Wülcker *Anglo-Saxon & Old Eng. Vocab.* (1884) I. 177/11 *Seges*, gesawen æcer vel land.
- c1380 *Eng. Wycliffite Serm.* in *Sel. Wks.* II. 35 Lond wel eerid and wel dungid.
- c1420 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 8 Tilynge is vs to write of euery londe.
- ?a1500 *Nominale* (Yale Beinecke 594) in T. Wright & R. P. Wülcker *Anglo-Saxon & Old Eng. Vocab.* (1884) I. 796 *Hec bovata*, a hoxgangyn lond.. *Hec virgata*, a eryd lond. *Hic selis*, a rygyd lond.
- 1645 J. MILTON *L'Allegro* in *Poems* 33 While the Plowman neer at hand, Whistles ore the Furrow'd Land.
- 1697 J. DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* III, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 114 And from the marshy Land Salt Herbage for the fodd'ring Rack provide.
- 1728 E. CHAMBERS *Cycl.* at *Mushroom* They [sc. black poppies] are never found but on burnt Lands.
- 1752 D. HUME *Ess. & Treat.* (1777) I. 283 In England, the land is rich, but coarse.
- 1813 P. B. SHELLEY *Queen Mab* v. 59 Loading with loathsome rottenness the land.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. v. 593 The land to a great extent round his pleasure grounds was in his own hands.
- 1856 F. L. OLMSTED *Journey Slave States* 616 The conversation was almost exclusively confined to the topics of steam-boats,..black-land, red-land, bottom-land, timber-land [etc.].

†b. *poetic*. = GROUND *n.* in various senses. *Obsolete*.

- OE *Genesis* 203 Inc is halig feoh and wilde deor on geweald geseald, and lifigende, ða ðe land tredað.
- 14.. *Fencing w. Two Handed Sword* in T. Wright & J. O. Halliwell *Reliquiæ Antiquæ* (1845) I. 309 Fresly smyte thy strokis by dene, And hold wel thy lond that hyt may be sene.
- 1596 E. SPENSER *Second Pt. Faerie Queene* v. VII. sig. R7^v Her selfe vppon the land She did prostrate.
- 1716 A. POPE tr. Homer *Iliad* II. VII. 18 He..roll'd, with Limbs relax'd, along the Land.

3.

a. A part of the earth's surface marked off by natural or political boundaries or considered as an integral section of the globe; a country, territory. Also put for the people of a country.

Sometimes defined by a phrase containing the name of the country or stating one of its prominent characteristics or products, as *the land of Egypt*, *the land of the midnight sun*, *the land of the chrysanthemum*, etc. Cf. 2a, Phrases 2b.

c725 *Corpus Gloss.* 1995 *Territorium*, land.

a900 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* ann. 787 (Parker MS.) *Þæt wæron þa ærestan scipu Deniscra monna þe Angel cynnes land gesohton.*

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 197 *Ponne is seo cirice on Campania þæs landes gemæro.*

1154 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* ann. 1132 (Laud) *Dis gear com Henri king to þis land.*

c1275 (þ?a1200) *LA3AMON Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 624 *Albion hatte þat land.*

1297 *R. Glouc.* (Rolls) 10154 *He sende to alle þe bissopes of þis land is sonde.*

1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) Gen. xxi. 33 *Abymalech..and Phicol..turneden aȝen into the loond of Palestynes.*

a1400 (þ?a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 3766 *Þis esau..Oute o þe land did iacob chace.*

14.. *Sir Beues* 2327 (MS. M.) *All the land after hem drowȝe Armyd with good harnes inouȝe.*

c1400 (þ?c1380) *Pearl* l. 936 *In Iudy londe.*

a1500 (þ?c1450) *Merlin* ii. 26 *Vortiger..often tyme faught so with them that he drof hem oute of hys londe.*

?1529 *Proper Dyaloge Gentillman & Husbandman* sig. B iii *God left neuer lande yet vnpunished Which agaynst hys worde made resystence.*

1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Exod. iii. 8 *To carye them out of that londe, in to a good and wyde londe, euen in to a londe that floweth with mylke and hony.*

c1540 (þ?a1400) *Destr. Troy* 13932 *I haue faryn out of fere lannd my fader to seche.*

1611 *Bible* (King James) Josh. ii. 1 *Go, view the land, euen Iericho.*

1611 *Bible* (King James) Isa. ix. 1 *When at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali.*

1645 J. MILTON *On Christ's Nativity: Hymn* xxv, in *Poems* 11 *He feels from Juda's Land The dredde Infants hand.*

1697 J. DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Æneis* vii, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 404 *These Answers in the silent Night receiv'd, The King himself divulg'd, the Land believ'd.*

1770 O. GOLDSMITH *Deserted Village* 51 *Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, Where wealth accumulates, and men decay.*

a1822 P. B. SHELLEY *Peter Bell III* v, in *Poet. Wks.* (?1840) 243/2 *He made songs for all the land, Sweet both to feel and understand.*

1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. iii. 279 *In our own land, the national wealth has, during at least six centuries, been almost uninterruptedly increasing.*

b. figurative.

1594 W. SHAKESPEARE *Lucrece* sig. D3^v *Her bare brest, the heart of all her land .*

a1616 W. SHAKESPEARE *King John* (1623) iv. ii. 246 *In the body of this fleshly Land, This kingdome, this Confine of blood, and breathe.*

4.

a. Ground or territory as owned by a person or viewed as public or private property; landed property. (**common land**, **concealed land**, **copyhold land**, **debatable land**, **demesne land**, **fabric land**, **fiscal land** or **lands**: see the defining words. Also **BOND-LAND** *n.*, **CROWN LAND** *n.* 1.)

- 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 51 Þa teoþan sceattas..ge on lande, ge on oþrum þingum.
- c1275 (þ?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 1953 His lond he huld half 3er.
- c1390 (þa1376) W. LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* (Vernon) (1867) A. vii. l. 295 Laborers þat haue no lond to liuen on Bote heore honden.
- a1400 (þa1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 4033 To dele þair landes þam bi-tuix, þat aiþer might þam ald wit his.
- c1405 (þc1387–95) G. CHAUCER *Canterbury Tales Prolog.* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 581 Worthy to been Stywardes of rente and lond Of any lord that is in Engeland.
- 1509 S. HAWES *Pastime of Pleasure* (1845) xvi. 72 Borne to great land, treasure, and substaunce.
- 1587 LADY STAFFORD in C. R. L. Fletcher *Collectanea* (1885) I. 209 They have recovered their land, with the Arrerages.
- 1604 W. SHAKESPEARE *Hamlet* v. i. 101 This fellowe might be in's time a great buyer of Land.
- 1611 *Bible* (King James) 2 Kings viii. 3 She went foorth to crie vnto the king for her house, and for her land.
- 1732 G. BERKELEY *Alciphron* I. l. i. 3 A convenient House with a hundred Acres of Land adjoining to it.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. vi. 142 He had no intention of depriving the English colonists of their land.
- 1878 W. S. JEVONS *Polit. Econ.* 12 Some one will say that he is beyond question rich, who owns a great deal of land.

b. plural. Territorial possessions. †Also *rarely* in singular, a piece of landed property, an estate in land.

- c1000 ÆLFRIC *Lives Saints* (1885) I. 192 Feower land he forgeaf forð In mid him ælþeodigum to andfencge and to ælmes-dædum.
- a1325 (þc1250) *Gen. & Exod.* (1968) l. 1843 Ðor him solde an lond kinge emor.
- c1330 *Spec. Gy Warw.* 163 Þouh man haue muche katel As londes, rentes, and oþer god.
- a1450 *Knt. de la Tour* (1868) 86 [He] became..riche..and purchased londes and possessiones.
- 1560 J. DAUS tr. J. Sleidane *Commentaries* f. cccxxiiij^v (margin) Iohn Frederick demaundeth his landes and dignities.
- a1616 W. SHAKESPEARE *Henry V* (1623) i. i. 9 All the Temporall Lands, which men deuout By Testament haue given to the Church.
- a1656 BP. J. HALL *Shaking of Olive-tree* (1660) II. 143 Who should have your Lands but your heirs?
- 1787 R. BURNS *Poems* (1809) II. 101 The Earl gave him a four merk land near the castle.
- 1827 T. JARMAN *Powell's Ess. Learning of Devises* (ed. 3) II. 135 All his messuages, lands, and tenements.
- 1841 W. SPALDING *Italy & Ital. Islands* I. 84 Considering this grievance more tolerable than..the loss of the public lands.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. vi. 130 Their lands had been divided by Cromwell among his followers.

c. Law. (See quotes.)

- 1628 E. COKE *1st Pt. Inst. Lawes Eng.* 4 Land in the legall signification comprehendeth any ground, soile or earth whatsoeuer, as meadowes, pastures, woods, moores, waters marishes, furses and heath,..It legally includeth also all castles, houses, and other buildings.
- 1767 W. BLACKSTONE *Comm. Laws Eng.* (new ed.) II. 18 Land hath also, in its legal signification, an indefinite extent, upwards as well as downwards.
- 1839 *Penny Cycl.* XIII. 300/1 Land in its most restricted legal signification is confined to arable ground... In its more wide legal signification land extends also to meadow, pasture, woods, moors, waters, &c.

d. South African. An area of ground under cultivation; = FIELD *n.*¹ 2a.
Frequently in plural.

- 1731 G. MEDLEY tr. P. Kolb *Present State Cape Good-Hope* I. xxviii. 357 The Value of the Tenth of the Produce of Lands is computed at 14000 Florins yearly.
- 1731 G. MEDLEY tr. P. Kolb *Present State Cape Good-Hope* I. xxviii. 358 The Colonies are encreasing daily, and daily taking in new Lands for Tillage.
- 1806 J. BARROW *Acct. Trav. Interior S. Afr. 1797-98* (ed. 2) I. i. 5 At the feet of the hills..are several pleasant farms, having gardens well stored with vegetables for the table, vineyards, and extensive corn lands.
- 1896 H. A. BRYDEN *Tales S. Afr.* 248 She had..some good tobacco 'lands', which yielded no mean profit each year.
- 1926 O. SCHREINER *From Man to Man* 23 They burnt harpuis bushes on the lands.
- 1939 tr. E. N. Marais's *My Friends the Baboons* ix. 112 If he raids a land..he will..hand over to her a share of the mealies or fruit.
- 1941 S. CLOETE *Hill of Doves* (1942) xxviii. 398 They were riding through a mealie land.
- 1966 E. PALMER *Plains of Camdeboo* xviii. 297 Dust enveloped the world. Maurice and Sita could not even see where the lands had been.

†5. The country, as opposed to the town. on (in, †Sc. to) land: in the country; also, into the country; hence, to distant parts. *Obsolete.*

- c900 tr. Bede *Ecccl. Hist.* (1890) III. xx. [xxviii.] 246 Byrig & lond & ceastre & tunas & hus.
- c1000 ÆLFRIC *Gram.* (Z.) xxxviii. 234 Ruri, on lande.
- c1386 G. CHAUCER *Nun's Pr. T.* 4069 Swiche a ioye was it to here hem synge,..In sweete accord, My lief is faren in londe.
- c1405 (c1387-95) G. CHAUCER *Canterbury Tales Prol.* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 702 A poure person dwellyng vp on lond.
- 1425 *Acts Parl. Scotl.* (1814) II. 11/2 Ande at þis be done als wele in borowis as to lande throu al þe realme.
- 1491 *Sc. Acts Jas. IV* (1814) II. 226/2 The aulde statutis and ordinances maid of before baith to burghe and to lande.
- ?a1500 R. HENRYSON tr. *Æsop Fables: Sheep & Dog* l. 1268 in *Poems* (1981) 52 [He] dytis all the pure men vp on land.
- c1535 *Ploughman's Tale* III. sig. D.i Thou..lyuest in londe as a lorell.
- c1600 *Diurnal of Remarkable Occurrents* (1833) 81 Chargeing all our soueranes liegis alsweill to burgh as to land, regalitie as to royalitie, to address thame to come to Edinburgh.
- 1634-46 J. ROW *Hist. Kirk Scotl.* (1842) 74 [The] whole body of this Realme both in brught and land.
- a1800 *Jock the Leg* in F. J. Child *Eng. & Sc. Pop. Ballads* (1894) V. ix. 128 In brough or land.
- 1818 W. SCOTT *Heart of Mid-Lothian* iv, in *Tales of my Landlord* 2nd Ser. III. 80 I glance like the wildfire through brugh and through land.

6. Expanse of country of undefined extent; = COUNTRY *n.* 2a. *rare* except with qualifying word, as DOWNLAND *n.*¹, HIGHLAND *n.* and *adj.*, LOWLAND *n.* and *adj.*, mountain-land *n.*, etc.

a1616 W. SHAKESPEARE *Tempest* (1623) IV. i. 130 Leave your crispe channels, and on this greene-Land
Answered your summons.

1785 W. COWPER *Task* I. 323 The Ouse, dividing the well-watered land, Now glitters in the sun, and now
retires.

1842 LD. TENNYSON *May Queen* (new ed.) Concl. ii, in *Poems* (new ed.) I. 169 And sweet is all the land about,
and all the flowers that blow.

7. One of the strips into which a cornfield, or a pasture-field that has been ploughed, is divided by water-furrows. Often taken as a measure of land-area and of length, of value varying according to local custom.

c1400 (c1378) W. LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* (Laud 581) (1869) B. xvii. l. 58 Feith..holde nouȝt neighen
hym by nyne landes lengthe.

1522 *Will in Market Harboro' Rec.* (1890) 211 A lond of barley next the whet lond.

1523 J. FITZHERBERT *Bk. Surueyeng* xxi. f. 38^v A furlong called Dale furlong y^e whiche furlong conteyneth
.xxx. landes and two heed landes.

?1523 J. FITZHERBERT *Bk. Husbandry* f. iv In Kent they haue other maner of plowes,..some wolle tourne their
shelbrede at euery landes ende & plowe all one way.

1565 T. COOPER *Thesaurus Arepennem*, a measure of ground as much as our lande or halfe aker.

c1580 *Merye Hist. Mylner Abyngton* (new ed.) sig. A.iiij The mylners house is nere Not the length of a lande.

a1642 H. BEST *Farming & Memorandum Bks.* (1984) 7 To putt ewes into the Carre 3 weekes before
ladyday.., allowinge 5 ewes for a lande.

1679 T. BLOUNT *Fragmenta Antiquitatis* 21 To cut down one Land of Corn.

1688 R. HOLME *Acad. Armory* III. 137/1 Land, or Lond, or Launde, in some places called a Loone, it is as
much as two large Buts.

1767 *Cries of Blood* 7 He went down Campden field..about a land's length.

1791 W. COWPER *Retirem.* 421 Green balks and furrowed lands.

1793 *Trans. Soc. Arts* (ed. 2) 5 83 The produce of one land or ridge of each crop.

1794 *Har'st Rig* xxv. 12 O' Gath'rers next, unruly-bands Do spread themselves athwart the Lands.

1819 W. COBBETT *Year's Resid. U.S.A.* II. iii. 151 I made a sort of land with the plough, and made it pretty
level at top.

1861 *Times* 4 Oct. 7/4 Fields laid out in six-yard lands with deep water-furrows for the sake of drainage.

8. Scottish. A building divided into flats or tenements for different households, each tenement being called a 'house'.

1456 *Extracts Rec.* in W. Chambers *Charters Burgh Peebles* (1872) 111 A land liand of this sid the Hau.

1457 *Extracts Rec.* in W. Chambers *Charters Burgh Peebles* (1872) 116 A land was his faderis liand in the
burgh Peblis.

1466 in J. Stuart *Extracts Council Reg. Aberdeen* (1844) I. 26 He conquest a lande within your saide burgh.

- 1482 *Act. Audit.* (1839) 107/2 Diuerss housis..lying in the brugh of Edinburgh, on þe north side of þe strete..betuix þe land of Johne patonsone & þe land of Nicol spedy on þe est & west partes.
- 1555 *Sc. Acts Mary* (1814) II. 490/2 The annuellar hauand the grownd annuell vpone ony brint land quhilk is or beis reparellit.
- 1753 W. MAITLAND *Hist. Edinb.* II. 140 The Buildings here, elsewhere called Houses, are denominated Lands.
- 1776 E. TOPHAM *Lett. from Edinb.* 27 These buildings are divided by extremely thick partition walls, into large houses, which are called lands, and each story of a land is called a house. Every land has a common stair~case.
- 1779 H. ARNOT *Hist. Edinb.* II. i. 241 The houses were piled to an enormous height; some of them amounting to twelve stories. These were denominated lands.
- 1824 J. HOGG *Private Mem. Justified Sinner* 110 I showed him down stairs; and just as he turned the corner of the next land, a man came rushing violently by him.
- 1858 M. OLIPHANT *Laird of Norlaw* I. 308 The 'land', or block of buildings in which it was placed, formed one side of a little street.
- 1864 J. H. BURTON *Scot Abroad* II. i. 117 I remember an old 'land' in the High Street of Edinburgh.
- 1893 R. L. STEVENSON *Catriona* XX. 238 A certain frail old gentlewoman..who dwelt in the top of a tall land on a strait close.

9. Technical uses.

a. [*transferred* from sense 7.] The space between the grooves of a rifle bore; also, the space between the furrows of a mill-stone. In wider use, esp. in *Engineering*: an area left between adjacent grooves, holes, or the like in any surface; e.g. that between the flutes of a twist drill or the grooves of a gramophone record, or the top of a tooth on various metal-cutting tools immediately behind the cutting edge.

- 1854 *Chambers's Jrnl.* 2 202 These furrows and belts [in the bore of a cannon], technically called lands.
- 1864 *Daily Tel.* 15 June Some of the 'lands' being slightly injured, as might..have been expected with so delicate a system of rifling.
- 1881 *Metal World* No. 9. 131 The circular or angular lands and furrows [of a mill-stone].
- 1907 J. V. WOODWORTH *Grinding & Lapping* II. 62 The flutes [of the reamers] were milled sharp—without land.
- 1907 J. V. WOODWORTH *Grinding & Lapping* II. 63 Cutting the reamer sharp with no lands on the teeth.
- 1935 H. C. BRYSON *Gramophone Record* IV. 81 The engineer has a table showing the widths and depths of the grooves and the amount of land for various cuts per inch.
- 1949 W. BAKER & J. S. KOZACKA *Carbide Cutting Tools* x. 213 The land is that portion of the tooth which is just behind the cutting edge.
- 1958 *Proc. IRE* 46 1063/2 The diffusion regions in the lands of the grooved surface [of the silicon] are then removed in a second step of lapping.
- 1962 A. NISBETT *Technique Sound Studio* 255 The groove normally used for 78 rpm recordings... About 4 mils land between grooves, and a pitch of the order of 100–150 grooves per inch.
- 1964 S. CRAWFORD *Basic Engin. Processes* ix. 228 The lands run along the leading edge of the flutes and act as a guide in the hole already drilled.
- 1971 B. SCHARF *Engin. & its Lang.* xi. 97 Studs. These are very useful headless fastening devices which are threaded on both ends, with an unthreaded section (land) in the middle.

b. In a steam-engine, 'the unperforated portion of the face-plate of a slide-valve' (E. H. Knight *Pract. Dict. Mech.* 1875).

c. 'The lap of the strakes in a clincher-built boat. Also called *landing*' (*Pract. Dict. Mech.* 1875).

1857 P. M. COLQUHOUN *Compan. Oarsman's Guide* 28 The lans are where one straik overlaps another.

PHRASES

P1.

a. *law of the land* (†**land's law**: see LAND-LAW *n.* 1): see LAW *n.*¹ **land of promise** (†**promission**, †**repromission**, †**behest**), *promised land*: see PROMISE *n.*, etc. **land of cakes** (Sc.): see CAKE *n.* 1b. See also HOLY LAND *n.*

c1300 *St. Brandan* 76 Bifore the 3ates of Paradys in the Lond of Biheste.

c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (Roxb.) Pref. 1 Þe land of repromission, þat men calles þe Haly Land.

a1513 H. BRADSHAW *Lyfe St. Werburge* (1521) I. xvi. sig. e.vii^v Duke Iosue..Ledyng the Isrehelytes to the lande of promysson.

1754 E. BURT *Lett. N. Scotl.* II. xxiv. 271 The Lowlanders call their Part of the Country the Land of Cakes.

a1846 J. IMLAH *Land o' Cakes* (song) An' fill ye up and toast the cup, The land o' cakes for ever.

b. *figurative* in the sense 'realm, domain', as **land of the leal** (Sc.): the realm of the blessed departed, heaven. **land of the living**: the present life; **in the land of the living** (a Hebraism: see Psalm 27:13, 52:5; Isaiah 38:11, 53:8): alive.

land of Nod: see NOD *n.*¹

c825 *Vesp. Psalter* cxiv. 9 In londe lifgendra.

c1230 *Hali Meid.* 13 Þis world þat is icleopet lond of unlicnesse.

a1400 *Minor Poems fr. Vernon MS.* (1892) 637/22 Ye shal not with-uten Strif fro this world passe to þe lond of lyf.

1611 *Bible* (King James) Jer. xi. 19 Let vs cut him off from the land of the liuing.

1671 J. MILTON *Samson Agonistes* 99 As in the land of darkness yet in light, To live a life half dead, a living death.

1707 tr. P. Le Lorrain de Vallemont *Curiosities in Husbandry & Gardening* 313 In the Land of Nature we are often out of our Knowledge.

1708 LADY CAVE *Let.* in M. M. Verney *Verney Lett.* (1930) I. xiv. 266 Sir Thomas is glad to hear Col. Oughton is in the land of the living..having not heard a word from him.

1778 F. BURNEY *Evelina* III. xxi. 237 I'm glad to see you still in the land of the living.

1798 LADY NAIRNE *Land of Leal* (song) I'm wearin' awa' John,..To the land o' the leal.

1806 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Human Life* I. vi. 127 You had better have sent out Jedidiah Buxton, if he is still in the land of the living.

1819 J. HODGSON in J. Raine *Mem. J. Hodgson* (1857) I. 223 I was frequently travelling in the Land of Nod.

- 1836 W. IRVING *Astoria* I. 129 They dug a grave..in which they deposited the corpse, with a biscuit..and a small quantity of tobacco, as provisions for its journey in the land of spirits.
- 1872 J. MORLEY *Voltaire* i. 9 There are unseen lands of knowledge and truth beyond the present.
- 1925 E. PHILLPOTTS *Voice from Dark* ii. 22 And is Mr. Bitton still in the land of the living?

†c. In Middle English poetry used vaguely in certain expletive phrases: **on or in land, to come to land**. Cf. similar uses of TOWN *n.* *Obsolete*.

- c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 65 To eni monne þet is on londe.
- c1300 *Harrow. Hell* 46 Þritti winter and þridde half ȝer, Haui woned in londe her.
- c1380 *Sir Ferumbras* (1879) l. 2793 Welawo to longe y lyue in londe.
- c1390 *Castle of Love* (Vernon) (1967) l. 551 Maken ichule Pees to londe come..And sauen al þe folk in londe.
- c1405 (►c1390) G. CHAUCER *Sir Thopas* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 175 His Steede..goth an Ambel in the way Ful softly and rounde In londe.

d. U.S. Substituted euphemistically for 'Lord': **the land knows, Good land!** Also, **(for the) land's sake, land sakes, my land(s)**.

- 1846 *Knickerbocker* 27 18 Jedediah, for the land's sake, does my mouth blaze?
- 1848 J. F. COOPER *Oak Openings* I. v. 82 Land's sake! I've forgotten all about them barrels!
- 1851 S. WARNER *Wide Wide World* I. xiv. 167 'But what are they called turnpikes for?' 'The land knows!—I don't'.
- 1854 M. J. HOLMES *Tempest & Sunshine* xvi. 223 For land's sake dont tell Tempest.
- 1863 A. D. T. WHITNEY *Faith Gartney's Girlhood* ii. 12 Land sakes, Miss Faith! I don't know what you mean.
- 1889 'M. TWAIN' *Connecticut Yankee* xi. 132 Good land! a man can't keep his functions regular on spring chickens thirteen hundred years old.
- 1894 'M. TWAIN' in *Cent. Mag.* 47 337/2 My lan', what de reason 't ain't enough?
- 1908 L. M. MONTGOMERY *Anne of Green Gables* xiv. 141 'For the land's sake!' gasped Marilla... 'I believe the child is crazy.'
- 1913 A. HUXLEY *Let.* 30 July (1969) 51 The Americans..say Gee, whiz, bully, my lands, my soul, [etc.].
- 1916 A. BENNETT *Lion's Share* xiv. 350 'My land!' exclaimed Nick. 'If he sees me here he'll think I've come on purpose to talk about him.'
- 1930 J. DOS PASSOS *42nd Parallel* 50 Land sakes, it gives me the creeps to think of it.
- 1952 V. WILKINS *King Reluctant* I. iii. 45 But land's sake, how did he get into dat ole lonesome graveyard?
- 1974 K. BENTON *Craig & Tunisian Tangle* xiii. 180 We've only got another week, for land's sake.

P2.

a. **Nautical.** †**to take land:** to come to land; to land, go ashore. **land to:** just within sight of land, when at sea. †**to raise land:** to sail with the land just within sight. **to lay the land:** to lose sight of land. †**to set (the) land:** to take the bearings of land. **land ho!** a cry of sailors when first sighting land. **land shut in** (see quot. 1753).

- c1330 R. MANNYNG *Chron.* (1810) 59 Whan þe kyng wist, þat þei had taken land.
- 1487 (►a1380) J. BARBOUR *Bruce* (St. John's Cambr.) xvi. 551 Quhill thai..On vest half, toward dunfermyne, Tuk land.

- c1515 LD. BERNERS tr. *Bk. Duke Huon of Burdeux* (1882–7) xlii. 528 They..aryuyd at the porte of Marseyle there they toke londe.
- 1611 R. COTGRAVE *Dict. French & Eng. Tongues* *Surgir*, to arriue, take land, goe ashore.
- 1627 J. SMITH *Sea Gram*. ix. 43 One to the top to looke out for land, the man cries out Land to; which is iust so farre as a kenning, or a man may..see the land. And to lay a land is to saile from it iust so farre as you can see it.
- 1633 T. JAMES *Strange Voy.* 28 We hull'd off, North North-East, but still raised land.
- 1669 S. STURMY *Mariners Mag.* I. 21 When we set Land, some this, some that do guess.
- 1753 *Chambers's Cycl.* Suppl. (at cited word) *Land shut in*, at sea. When another point of land hinders the sight of that which a ship came from, then they say the land is shut in. *Setting the Land*, at sea, is observing by the compass how it bears.
- 1769 W. FALCONER *Universal Dict. Marine* Transl. French Terms *Terre qui fuit*, double-land, or land shut-in behind a cape or promontory.
- 1840 R. H. DANA *Two Years before Mast* iv. 8 A man on the forecastle called out 'Land ho!'

b. how the land lies: primarily *Nautical* (see quot. 1699); now chiefly *figurative* = what is the state of affairs.

- 1699 B. E. *New Dict. Canting Crew* *How lies the Land?* How stands the Reckoning?
- 1809 B. H. MALKIN tr. A. R. Le Sage *Adventures Gil Blas* III. vii. 101 Several gentlemen..had a mind to feel how the land lay.
- 1870 M. BRIDGMAN *Robert Lynne* I. vii. 99 Uncle Charles's eyes had discovered how the land lay as regarded Rose and himself.

COMPOUNDS

C1.

a. General *attributive*.

land-belt *n.*

- 1856 E. K. KANE *Arctic Explor.* I. viii. 78 I am obliged to follow the tortuous land-belt.

land-boom *n.*

- 1892 R. L. STEVENSON & L. OSBOURNE *Wrecker* xix, in *Scribner's Mag.* Mar. 323/1 There was some rumour of a Napa land-boom.

† land-cape *n. Obsolete*

- 1656 T. BLOUNT *Glossographia* *Landcape*, an end of land that stretcheth further into the Sea then other parts of the Continent thereabouts.

land certificate *n.*

- 1838 in *Indiana Mag. Hist.* (1926) XXII. 451 Gentle had settled that he was to pay in land and made an assignment on a land certificate.
- 1967 E. RUDINGER *Wills & Probate* 97 A week or so later he receives from the registry the land certificate, which is substantially the same as the charge certificate, but with the very important difference of having had the details of the mortgage removed from it.

land-claimant *n.*

- 1798 I. ALLEN *Hist. Vermont* 27 These severities were used..to prevent aid being given to the land claimants of New York.

land classification *n.*

- 1930 *U.S. Dept. Agric. Yearbk.* 1929 39 These considerations point to the need for a public policy of economic land classification.
- 1970 *Toronto Daily Star* 24 Sept. 27/7 The report's principal authors were Angus Hill, a specialist in land classification, Professor David Love and Professor Douglas Lacate.

land-crescent *n.*

- 1875 W. McILWRAITH *Guide Wigtownshire* 48 The land-crescent that forms the bay.

land deal *adj.*

- 1974 *Guardian* 11 Apr. 1 Mrs Marcia Williams, Mr Wilson's private secretary, said last night she would not resign over the land deals affair.

land-dealer *n.*

- 1873 'M. TWAIN' & C. D. WARNER *Gilded Age* xxxi. 279 Great Injun pacificator and land-dealer.

land-development *n.*

- 1895 *Law Times* 13 July 254 If the Company is a Land-development one.

land distribution *n.*

- 1965 P. JIMACK tr. L. Chevalier in D. V. Glass & D. E. C. Eversley *Population in Hist.* iii. 75 I have myself tried to study the evolution of the population in three cantons of Vendée..in terms of land-distribution and the social and religious structure.
- 1968 R. A. LYTTLETON *Myst. Solar Syst.* vi. 213 The configuration of the land-distribution could also have been somewhat different at the time of fall.

land-estate *n.*

- 1690 *Mor. Ess. relat. Pres. Times* iii. 41 The Enjoyment of Land Estates.

† **land-ground** *n. Obsolete*

?1578 W. PATTEN *Let. Entertainm. Killingwoorth* 7 Londground by pool or riuer.

land improvement *adj.*

1849 *Hansard Commons* 4 May 1266 An advance of money..under the Land Improvement Act.

1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXIX. 554/2 The number and amount of loans..under the Land Improvement Acts from 1847 to 1900.

1909 *Daily Chron.* 14 Sept. 5/6 The other kind of banks are rent charge and land-improvement banks.

land-labour *n.*

1776 E. BURKE *Let.* 14 Aug. Condemned to Land Labour at the last Assizes for this County.

land lottery *n.*

1808 T. ASHE *Trav. Amer.* iv. 34 He could purchase a share in a capital house, or he might buy a land-lottery.

land market *n.*

1845 C. M. KIRKLAND *Western Clearings* 5 Standing round; i.e., watching the land market for values.

1962 H. R. LOYN *Anglo-Saxon Eng.* iv. 171 There is evidence indeed for something approaching a land-market in late Anglo-Saxon England.

land-mass *n.*

1856 E. K. KANE *Arctic Explor.* I. i. 16 The probable extension of the land-masses of Greenland to the Far North.

1881 J. W. JUDD *Volcanoes* 287 The land-masses of the globe.

† **land-people** *n. Obsolete*

c1440 *Eng. Cong. Irel.* xxxvii. 91 The londe-Pepill that crystyn shold be.

land piracy *n.*

1837 *Southern Literary Messenger* 3 668 It is positively a nuisance that borders upon land-piracy.

land-price *n.*

1898 *Atlantic Monthly* Apr. 498/2 Immigrants were pouring into the state, and land-prices were rising.

land question *n.*

- 1830 *Deb. Congr. U.S.* 26 Feb. 210/1 The final adjustment of the land question.
- 1962 H. R. LOYN *Anglo-Saxon Eng.* viii. 329 In connection with the land-question, the situation is more complicated.

land reclamation *n.*

- 1881 W. D. SEYMOUR (*title*) Waste land reclamation and peasant proprietorship with practical suggestions for the establishment of a land bank in Ireland.
- 1939 *U.S. Dept. Agric. Yearbk. 1938* 1171 Land reclamation, making land capable of more intensive use by changing its character, environment, or both through operations requiring collective effort.
- 1955 *Times* 1 July 13/3 An excellent account of reclamation on Exmoor Forest, a book written *con amore* as he was deeply interested both in land reclamation and in Exmoor.

land reform *n.*

- 1940 *Economist* 6 July 12/2 The land reform [in Transylvania] which had aroused such bitter protest was admittedly more severe..than in the Old Kingdom.
- 1955 *Times* 4 July 8/4 His post in the Tokyo Embassy as an expert on land reform.

land-rent *n.*

- 1706 in *Arbuthnot's Misc. Wks.* (1751) II. 192 Paying high Interest for Money, which Land-rents cannot discharge.
- 1734 J. SWIFT *Reasons against Settling Tyth of Hemp* 8 The Land-Rents of Ireland are computed to about two Millions.

land-revenue *n.*

- 1689 *London Gaz.* No. 2472/4 The Office of Receiver of the Land-Revenues for the Counties of Suffolk and Cambridge.
- 1801 *Asiatic Ann. Reg. 1800* Proc. Parl. 15/2 Land revenues to the amount of 191,042*l.*

land-robber *n.*

- 1845 T. J. GREEN *Texian Exped.* xvii. 319 The old governor came out in the greatest rage..to know what that land robber meant by insulting him in that manner.

land room *n.*

- 1871 *Leisure Hour* 8 Apr. 223/1 An aeronaut cannot get far enough from the sea in England, and requires all the land-room of a continent to make his voyage.
- 1960 *Tamarack Rev.* xiv. 6 The rough half-moon of islands on the western periphery of the North Atlantic contains under 8,000 square miles of landroom for three and a half million people.

land-sculpture *n.*

1882 A. GEIKIE *Text-bk. Geol.* vii. 922 A chief element in the progress of land-sculpture, is geological structure.

land-security *n.*

1677 A. YARRANTON *England's Improvem.* 17 The Land Security was so uncertain and bad, and it was so troublesome and chargeable getting their Moneys again when they had occasion to use it.

land speculating *n.*

1816 U. BROWN *Jrnl. in Maryland Hist. Mag.* 10 367 Now we shall learn something about Land Speculating presently.

land speculation *n.*

1807 *Deb. Congr. U.S.* 6 Oct. (1852) 605 We made a purchase of a single tract of land together. Perhaps you call that land speculations.

1843 'R. CARLTON' *New Purchase* x. 65 Mr. Glenville's partner in certain land speculations.

1848 W. IRVING *Hist. N.Y.* (rev. ed.) ii. vii. 121 He was soon permitted to land, and a great land speculation ensued.

1885 W. D. HOWELLS *Rise Silas Lapham* xx. 366 He's been dabbling in..patent-rights, land speculations.

1974 D. FRANCIS *Knock Down* xiv. 172 It was like property development and land speculation. You could make a great deal of money without breaking the law.

land-spit *n.*

1865 *Sat. Rev.* 5 Aug. 182 Two landspits and three bays are ignored by Van de Velde.

land-strip *n.*

1878 R. BROWNING *La Saisiaz in La Saisiaz: Two Poets of Croisic* 10 To that land-strip waters wash.

land taxation *n.*

1794 D. ROBERTSON *Tour through Isle of Man* v. 37 Here the oppression of game-laws, land-taxation, and excise-establishment are utterly unknown.

1883 *Peel City Guardian* 8 Dec. 4/1 Land Taxation.

1909 *Westm. Gaz.* 19 May 2/1 The land-taxation proposals of the Budget would affect them.

land-tenant *n.*

1543 tr. *Act 14 Edw. III* stat. i. c. 3 The heyres executours, and lande tenauntes of suche ministers and receyuours.

1607 J. COWELL *Interpreter* sig. Qq4^v/2 Land tenent.

land-tenure *n.*

1876 K. E. DIGBY *Introd. Hist. Law Real Prop.* (ed. 2) i. 2 The main features of land-tenure.

land title *n.*

- 1812 J. McDONOGH *Papers* (1898) 11 The people..of Florida are..in a dissatisfied state, arising from this uncertainty in which their land titles are placed.
- 1815 D. DRAKE *Nat. & Statist. View Cincinnati* i. 30 The security of land titles.
- 1838 *Southern Lit. Messenger* 4 796 Some partial remuneration was indeed promptly bestowed upon the officers of the revolution, in the form of land-titles and half-pay.
- 1936 *Discovery* May 131/2 Land titles have taken nearly 20 years or more to prepare.

land use *adj.*

- 1935 *Discovery* Aug. 223/1 A careful land use survey.
- 1961 *Listener* 7 Sept. 347/2 Recent scientific advance in land-use policy in Africa.
- 1971 *New Scientist* 21 Jan. 134/2 We are ahead of most countries in democratic land-use planning.

land utilization *n.*

- 1935 *Discovery* Aug. 220/1 Land Utilisation is the problem of the moment.
- 1936 *Archit. Rev.* 80 1 (title) The Land Utilization Survey of Britain: the first part of the report.

land-wave *n.*

- 1864 R. F. BURTON *Mission to Gelele* 35 Gentle ridges..not unlike the wrinkles or land waves behind S. Paul de Loanda.

land-wealth *n.*

- 1845 DARWIN in *Life & Lett.* (1887) I. 343 (note) So as to lessen the difference in land-wealth.

land work *n.* and *adj.*

- 1945 R. M. LOCKLEY *Islands round Brit.* 47 Much of the landwork is done by hand with rude implements.
- 1971 *Daily Tel.* 19 Nov. 13/1 By 1942, the NUS had 1,000 students in its summer landwork camps.

b. Objective and objective genitive.

(a)

land-buyer *n.*

- 1362 W. LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* A. XI. 209 A ledere of louedayes and a lond biggere.
- 1598 R. BERNARD tr. Terence *Hecyra* III. v, in *Terence in Eng.* 360 They..are no great land-biers.

land-catcher *n.*

α1625 J. FLETCHER *Wit without Money* (1639) v. sig. H3^v Thou most reverent Land catcher.

land-ditching *n.*

1807 A. YOUNG *Gen. View Agric. Essex* I. iv. 116 Land-ditching is done at different prices.

land-finding *n.*

1845 C. M. KIRKLAND *Western Clearings* 2 A friend..became quite a proficient in the mysteries of land-finding.

land-hirer *n.*

1552 R. HULOET *Abcedarium Anglico Latinum* Lande hyrer, redemptor.

land-hunter *n.*

1894 *Outing* June 172 Four or five rough-looking men—evidently land-hunters.

land-locator *adj.* and *n.*

1816 U. BROWN *Jrnl. in Maryland Hist. Mag.* (1915) 10 364 Those present Land Locaters Surveys will hold good until the former can be Established.

1839 *Congr. Globe* 23 Jan. Appendix 265 The rifle and his faithful dog were the indispensable companions of the Land locator.

1971 *Islander* (Victoria, Brit. Columbia) 30 May 5/1 The tragedy..occurred..when two land locators..came to grief on the Bear River glacier.

land-monger *n.*

1647 C. HARVEY *Schola Cordis* vii. 7 The greedy landmunger.

land-monopolist *n.*

1798 I. ALLEN *Nat. & Polit. Hist. Vermont* 21 The persecutions of the settlers were carried on by the Governor and his land-monopolists.

land-nationalization *n.*

1882 A. R. WALLACE (*title*) Land Nationalization. Its necessity and its aims.

land-nationalizer *n.*

1884 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 5 Mar. 3/1 One point..will..be seized upon by the land nationalizers.

land-occupier *n.*

- 1576 *Act 18 Eliz.* c. 10 §10 All the Inhabitants and Land-occupiers within the whole Isle.
- 1829 R. SOUTHEY *Sir Thomas More* (1831) II. 135 The relation between land-owner and land-occupier has undergone an unkindly alteration.

land-planning *n.*

- 1936 *Discovery* Feb. 49/1 There has been a certain amount of 'land-planning', though not on the scale undertaken in the United States.
- 1961 E. A. POWDRILL *Vocab. Land Planning* ii. 22 Thus, in administering the same aims of land planning, the instrument used for expressing them differs in the fundamental aspect of policymaking.

land-proprietor *n.*

- 1815 L. SIMOND *Jrnl. Tour Great Brit.* I. 172 The land-proprietor does not get more than three per cent.

land-roller *n.*

- 1875 E. H. KNIGHT *Pract. Dict. Mech.* Land-roller, one for leveling ground and mashing clods in getting land into tilth for crops.

land-seeker *n.* and *adj.*

- 1845 J. J. HOOPER *Some Adventures Capt. Simon Suggs* iii. 37 By the time he had ridden half a mile, he overtook the land~seeker.
- 1946 C. MCWILLIAMS *Southern Calif. Country* 126 They sold prospective settlers so-called 'land-seekers' tickets', under an arrangement whereby the fare could later be applied on the purchase of railroad land.

land-speculator *n.*

- 1798 I. ALLEN *Nat. & Polit. Hist. Vermont* 24 Lawyers and land speculators called on Mr. Allen.
- 1848 W. IRVING *Hist. N.Y.* (rev. ed.) II. iii. 96 Like all land-speculators, he was much given to dreaming.
- 1873 'M. TWAIN' & C. D. WARNER *Gilded Age* I. 456 He might have been a 'railroad man', or a politician, or a land-speculator.
- 1948 *Reader's Digest* May 124/1 He was ill-educated, selfmade, an incurable land speculator.

† land-tilie *n.* *Obsolete*

- c1275 (s. 7a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) I. 7409 We scullen..wurden mils liðe wið þa lond-tilien.

land-tiller *n.*

- ?a1500 *Nominale* (Yale Beinecke 594) in T. Wright & R. P. Wülcker *Anglo-Saxon & Old Eng. Vocab.* (1884) I. 804/34 *Hic cultor*, a londtyllere.
- 1532 (s. c1385) *Usk's Test. Loue* in *Wks. G. Chaucer* I. f. cccxxviii^v Than good londe tyllers gynne shape for the erthe..to bringe forthe more corne.
- 1895 *Q. Rev.* Apr. 555 The interests of the landowner and the land-tiller became antagonistic.

land-tilling *n.*

c1420 *Pallad. on Husb.* I. 528 Donge of fowlis is ful necessary To londtiling.

land trader *n.*

1776 in *Coll. Vermont Hist. Soc.* I. 17 The Monopolizing Land Trader of New York..did present a petition.

land-worker *n.*

1782 T. POWNALL *Treat. Study Antiq.* 140 The..state..of the land-worker.

1827 G. HIGGINS *Celtic Druids* 192 When the borders of Europe began to be settled and cultivated by the land~workers.

1887 *Andover (Mass.) Rev.* VIII. 154 Only the tradesworkers and the landworkers are specially considered.

1960 *Farmer & Stockbreeder* 15 Mar. 72/3 Land~workers in the Thirsk and Easingwold districts of Yorkshire.

(b) In adjectives, as *land-devouring*, *land-eating*, *land-scourging*, *land-tilling*, *land-visiting*, etc.

1393 W. LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* C. ix. 140 3e ben wastours..that deuouren That leel land-tylynge men leelliche bysynken.

1642 J. VICARS *God in Mount* 12 These and such like Land-devouring enormities.

1642 J. VICARS *God in Mount* 48 Such a Land-scourging rod.

1814 J. TAYLOR *Arator* (ed. 2) 128 If an abundance of labour caused a land killing agricultural system..Flanders should be a wilderness.

1883 G. C. DAVIES *Norfolk Broads* (1884) xl. 315 Walberswick is a decayed port, a victim of the land-eating sea.

1883 C. F. HOLDER in *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 107/2 Jumping and land-visiting fishes.

1891 *Cent. Mag.* Feb. 535 The promise..was broken when it became important to conciliate land-thieving squatters.

c. Instrumental, in adjectives as *land-penned*, *land sheltered*, *land surrounded*, etc.

1776 W. J. MICKLETT. L. de Camoens *Lusiad* 479 Land-surrounded waves.

1883 C. A. MOLONEY *W. Afr. Fisheries* 27 Grassy banks of land-sheltered waters.

1883 *Harper's Mag.* Aug. 453/1 Land-penned rivers.

d. Similitive.**land-like** *adj.*

1804 S. T. COLERIDGE *Lett.* (1895) 470 This [the green on the water], though occasioned by the impurity of the nigh shore..forms a home scene: it is warm and landlike.

1850 LD. TENNYSON *In Memoriam* ci. 158 We steer'd her toward a crimson cloud That landlike slept along the deep.

e. Locative, as *land-growing*.

1911 F. O. BOWER *Plant Life on Land* 45 The Fern-plant is structurally a land-growing plant.

C2.

a. General *attributive* passing into *adj.*, with the sense ‘belonging or attached to, or characteristic of, the land; living, situated, taking place, or performed upon land (as opposed to *water* or *sea*); terrestrial’: as in *land-admiral*, *land-battery*, *land-battle*, *land-communication*, *land-company*, *land-engine*, *land-fight*, *land-goods*, *land-gunner*, †*land-herd*, *land-journey*, *land-life*, *land-monster*, *land-passage*, *land-pilot*, *land-plant*, *land-power*, *land-prospect*, *land-siren*, *land-soldier*, *land-spout*, *land-trade*, *land-travel*, *land-wages*, *land-war*, *land warfare*, etc.

1490 *Act 7 Hen. VII* c. 1. §1 If any Captain..give them not their full Wages..except for Jackets for them that receive Land-wages.

1595 E. SPENSER *Colin Clouts come Home Againe* sig. B3^v The fields In which dame Cynthia her landheard fed.

1619 E. M. BOLTON tr. Florus *Rom. Hist.* III. vi. 285 Impatient of land-life, they lanch againe into their water.

1625 PURCHAS (*title*) Purchas his Pilgrimes contayning a History of the World in Sea Voyages and Lande Travells.

1630 J. WADSWORTH *Eng. Spanish Pilgrime* (new ed.) vi. 51 I intreated him for a commission and patent for a land company in Flanders.

1637 J. MILTON *Comus* 11 To find out that..Would overtask the best land-pilots art.

1667 *Philos. Trans.* (Royal Soc.) 2 488 Their Land-voyage from Pekin to Goa.

1667 S. PEPYS *Diary* 4 Apr. (1974) VIII. 149 I made him merry with telling him how many land-Admiralls we are to have this year.

1669 S. STURMY *Mariners Mag.* To Rdr. A most useful Instrument for all Land and Sea Gunners.

1682 T. SOUTHERNE *Loyal Brother* III, in *Wks.* (1721) I. 44 Curse on these land-syrens!

1694 *London Gaz.* No. 3023/3 They..are to be provided for in their way as Land-Soldiers are in their march.

1695 M. PRIOR *Eng. Ballad* 4 The Water-Nymphs are all unkind, We hope the Land-Nymphs are not so.

1711 LD. SHAFTESBURY *Characteristicks* II. v. 289 Anchoring at Sea, remote from all Land-Prospect.

1774 O. GOLDSMITH *Hist. Earth* I. 395 The nature..of these land spouts.

1785 J. PHILLIPS *Treat. Inland Navigation* p. vi Roads for land-communication and carriage.

1817 *Parl. Deb.* 1st Ser. 316 Of the lords of the Admiralty, three of the sea officers, and one of the land lords, were efficient officers.

1822 BRUNEL *Specif. Patent 4683* 3 The common governor usually applied to land engines cannot act regularly at sea.

1845 H. H. WILSON *Hist. Brit. India 1805–35* I. vi. 335 Being exposed to the fire of the land-batteries as well as of the shipping.

1852 G. GROTE *Hist. Greece* X. II. lxxxii. 665 If the preparations for land-warfare were thus stupendous, those for sea-warfare were fully equal if not superior.

1884 F. O. BOWER & D. H. SCOTT tr. H. A. de Bary *Compar. Anat. Phanerogams & Ferns* 300 The foliage of land-plants.

1928 *Observer* 1 Apr. 14/3 Sea-power took the place of land-power in the sixteenth century.

- 1957 *Encycl. Brit.* X. 182 H/1 In theory a branch of geopolitics,..geo-strategy treated warfare as total, embracing the entire populations and resources of the contesting states... It helped to make Germany the first country to realize that airpower could take a position alongside seapower and landpower.
- 1962 *Listener* 29 Mar. 543/1 A world which, seen from Moscow, is divided into three or four land masses, and a number of similar areas which can be dominated by land power.

b.

(a) Prefixed to names of animals to indicate that they are terrestrial in their habits, and esp. to distinguish them from aquatic animals of the same name.

land-animal *n.*

- 1691 J. RAY *Wisdom of God* 54 So necessary is it [sc. air] for us and other Land-Animals.
- 1748 B. ROBINS & R. WALTER *Voy. round World by Anson* II. viii. 217 Besides these dangerous land-animals, the sea..is infested with great numbers of alligators.

land-beast *n.*

- 1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* I. 191 Let vs returne now to discourse of other liuing creatures; and first of land-beasts.

land-bird *n.*

- 1570 *Order for Swans* in W. Hone *Every-day Bk.* (1827) II. 959 The..custome of this Realme..dothe allow to every Owner of such ground..to take one Land-bird.
- 1863 C. KINGSLEY *Water-babies* viii. 343 The sea-birds sang as they streamed out into the ocean, and the land-birds as they built among the boughs.

† **land-cormorant** *n. Obsolete*

- a1657 G. DANIEL *Idyllia* in *Poems* (1878) IV. iv. 4 Land-Cormorants may Challeng them for food.

land-dog *n.*

- 1665 C. COTTON *Scarronnides* 28 Curs, Spaniels, Water-dogs, and Land-dogs.

† **land-dove** *n. Obsolete*

- 1712 E. COOKE *Voy. S. Sea* 319 Saw some Widgeons, and many Land-Doves.

land-dragon *n.*

- 1894 ST. G. MIVART in *Cosmopolitan* Jan. 344/1 The enormous land-dragons that lived by rapine.

† **land-eft** *n. Obsolete*

1768 G. WHITE *Let.* 18 June in *Nat. Hist. Selborne* (1789) 50 The water-eft, or newt, is only the *larva* of the land-eft.

land-fowl *n.*

1669 J. WORLIDGE *Systema Agriculturæ* (1681) 304 If Land-Fowl gather towards the Water.

land-mammifera *n.*

1830 C. LYELL *Princ. Geol.* I. 96 The annihilation of certain genera of land-mammifera.

land-mouse *n.*

1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* II. 403 A certain wel, wherein there keep ordinarily land-mice.

land-mollusca *n.*

1859 C. DARWIN *Origin of Species* iv. 100 On the land there are some hermaphrodites, as land-mollusca and earth-worms.

land-molluscan *adj.*

1881 *Nature* 26 May 84/2 The land-molluscan fauna of Socotra.

† land-pullen *n. Obsolete*

1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* I. 507 Hens, and other land pullen.

land-reptile *n.*

2002 G. M. EBERHART *Mysterious Creatures* II. 643/1 *Bolsón tortoise, Gopherus flavomarginatus*. Documented in 1888 but recognized as a distinct species only in 1959, this is the largest land reptile in North America.

land-scorpion *n.*

1796 J. G. STEDMAN *Narr. Exped. Surinam* II. xxviii. 315 I narrowly escaped being bitten by a land-scorpion. This insect is of the size of a small cray-fish.

land-spaniel *n.* also *figurative*

1576 A. FLEMING tr. J. Caius *Of Eng. Dogges* 19 Land spaniels.

1616 T. GAINSFORD *Rich Cabinet* f. 55^v He would proue..a good land-spaniel or setter for a hungry Courtier, to smell him out a thousand pound sute, for a hundred pound profit.

a1641 T. HEYWOOD *Captives* (1953) IV. i. 79 *Clowne*. Proceed sea gull. *Ffisher*. thus Land spaniell: no man can say this is my ffishe till hee ffinde it in his nett.

land-toad *n.*

1774 O. GOLDSMITH *Hist. Earth* VII. 105 It is only the Rubeth, the land toad, which has the property of sucking.

(b)

land-beetle *n.* a terrestrial predatory beetle, one of the group Geadephaga.

1836–9 *Todd's Cycl. Anat. & Physiol.* II. 888/1 This division into lobes occurs in most of the land-beetles.

land-bug *n.* a bug of the group Geocores.

c1865 J. WYLDE *Circle of Sci.* II. 184/1 The Geocores or Land-bugs.

land chelonian *n.* a tortoise.

1880 *Cassell's Nat. Hist.* IV. 249 The Land Chelonians.

land-cod *n.* a kind of catfish, the mathemeg, *Amiurus borealis* (Cent. Dict.).

1836 J. RICHARDSON *Fauna Boreali-Americana* III. 135 The mathemeg or land cod of the residents of the fur countries is taken sparingly.

land-crocodile *n.* †(*a*) ? meant to designate the *CAYMAN n.*; (*b*) the sand-monitor, *Psammosaurus arenarius* (Cent. Dict.).

1688 R. HOLME *Acad. Armory* II. 159/2 He beareth Azure, the Bresilian Land Crocodile, proper.

land-leech *n.* a leech of the genus *Hæmodipsa*, abounding in Ceylon.

1859 J. E. TENNENT *Ceylon* I. II. vii. 302 Of all the plagues which beset the traveller in the rising grounds of Ceylon, the most detested are the land leeches.

land-lobster *n.*

1897 *Westm. Gaz.* 20 Aug. 2/1 Huge 'land lobsters'—the 'robber crab' of the Pacific Islands.

† **land-martin** *n.* *Obsolete* (see quotes.).

1674 J. RAY *Coll. Eng. Words* 86 The Land-martin or Shore-bird: *Hirundo riparia*.

land moccasin *n.* (see **MOCCASIN** *n.* 3).

- 1836 M. HOLLEY *Texas* v. 104 Land and water moccasin..are the only venomous snakes, besides the rattlers, found in Texas.

land otter *n.* ‘any ordinary otter of the subfamily *Lutrinæ*, inhabiting rivers and lakes, as distinguished from the sea-otter, *Enhydris marina*’ (Cent. Dict.).

- 1844 D. LEE & J. H. FROST *Ten Years in Oregon* vi. 71 Beaver was valued at two dollars per skin,..land otter at fifty cents.
- 1947 V. H. CAHALANE *Mammals N. Amer.* 200 The river or land otter has the outline of a small seal or a very big weasel.

land pike *n.* (*a*) = **HELLBENDER** *n.* 1; (*b*) an inferior type of pig.

- 1687 R. BLOME *Present State Isles & Territories in Amer.* 56 A Land-Pike is another strange Reptile, so called from its likeness to that Fish; but instead of Fins, it hath four Feet.
- 1706 *Phillips's New World of Words* (new ed.) Land-Pike, a Creature in America, like the Fish of the same Name, but having Legs instead of Fins.
- 1841 *Cultivator* VIII. 152 I am anxious that he should soon get rid of his land-pikes and alligators.
- 1842 *Cultivator* X. 37 Hogs, landpike variety, are so cheap.
- 1856 *Trans. Michigan Agric. Soc.* 7 716 The Suffolk swine..are of the same descent as the long-nosed, slabsided land pike, so often seen in the highways.
- 1890 *Amer. Notes & Queries* 5 21/2 I think the term land-pike more frequently designates a thin, lank, half-wild swine.

land-shell *n.* a terrestrial mollusk or its shell.

- 1853 *Zoologist* 11 4127 In land-shells..the locality would not be easily surpassed.
- 1880 A. R. WALLACE *Island Life* v. 76 The air-breathing mollusca, commonly called land-shells.

land-slater *n.* a terrestrial isopod crustacean, a woodlouse.

- 1863 J. G. WOOD *Illustr. Nat. Hist.* (new ed.) III. 632 The Land-slater (*Oniscus asellus*).

land-snail *n.* a snail of the family Helicidæ.

- 1728 J. WOODWARD *Attempt Nat. Hist. Fossils Eng.* (1729) I. 151 A Land-Snail, incrustated over with..fine Stoney Matter.

land-sole *n.* the common red slug, *Arion rufus*.

- 1854 S. P. WOODWARD *Man. Mollusca* II. 168 The land-soles occasionally devour animal substances.

land-tortoise *n.*

- 1774 O. GOLDSMITH *Hist. Earth* VI. 380 The land tortoise will live in the water; and..the sea turtle can be fed upon land.
- 1850 C. LYELL *2nd Visit U.S.* (ed. 2) II. 293 In Mr. Clark's garden were several land-tortoises (*Testudo clausa*, Say).

land-turtle *n.* any tortoise or turtle of terrestrial habits.

- 1697 W. DAMPIER *New Voy. around World* v. 109 We refresht our selves very well, both with Land and Sea Turtles.
- 1796 J. G. STEDMAN *Narr. Exped. Surinam* II. xxiii. 163 The land-turtle of Surinam is not more than eighteen or twenty inches in length.

† **land-urchin** *n.* *Obsolete* the hedgehog.

- 1603 P. HOLLAND tr. Plutarch *Morals* 973 The hedghoge, or land urchin.

† **land-winkle** *n.* *Obsolete* a snail.

- 1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* I. 218 Of the Viper, Land-winkles or Snailles, and Lizards.

C3. See also LAND FORM *n.*, LAND-SHIP *n.***land abutment** *n.* the terminal pier at the landward end of a bridge.

- 1776 G. SEMPLE *Treat. Building in Water* 7 It was composed of twenty Arches, nineteen Piers, and two Land Abutments.

land-agency *n.* the occupation or profession of a land-agent.

- 1831 J. M. PECK *Guide for Emigrants* III. 316 Hillsboro'..contains..a land agency office by John Tillson, Esq.
- 1868 M. PATTISON *Suggestions Acad. Organisation* iv. 110 The requirement that he should be experienced in land-agency, may seem in itself not unreasonable.

land-agent *n.* a steward or manager of landed property; also, an agent for the sale of land, an estate agent.

- 1846 R. COBDEN *Speeches* (1870) I. 354 We know right well that their [landlords'] land agents are their electioneering agents.

land-arch *n.* an arch or bridge which spans dry land.

- 1806 R. FORSYTH *Beauties Scotl.* IV. 274 The bridge consists of ten arches, one of which is a land-arch.

land-ark *n.* *U.S.* a covered wagon.

1861 T. WINTHROP *John Brent* ix. 98 The great blue landarks, each roofed with its hood of white canvas stretched on hoops.

land army *n.* (a) (see *Compounds 2a*); (b) a corps of women established in 1917 for work on the land in wartime (in full **Women's Land Army**); also *attributive*.

1659 J. RUSHWORTH *Hist. Coll.* 217 Admiral and General in the Fleet of the Sea, and Land Army.

1917 *Times* 4 Aug. 5/4 The work of appealing for the Women's Land Army will be carried on by the Board of Agriculture.

1918 *Times* 6 Feb. 3/5 The conditions under which the land army women are recruited have recently been changed.

1940 *Punch* 19 June 660/1 As soon as you join the Land Army you will find..that you are in the thick of a whole lot of live stock.

1943 K. TENNANT *Ride on Stranger* xxv. 275 I could always sack you, George,..and get some of these land army girls.

1974 *Country Life* 26 Sept. 829/1 One looks..at a model wearing Land Army uniform, or stoops..to peer into an Anderson shelter.

land-base *adj.* = *land-based adj.*

1962 *Listener* 29 Mar. 540/1 Land-base missiles and sea-going missiles.

land-based *adj.* operating from a base on land, as opposed to one on a ship or water.

1933 *Bulletin* (Glasgow) 21 Sept. 18/4 The flying boats..have the assistance of land-based aircraft.

1941 *Air News* May 9 The intrinsic disparity between carrier- and land-based planes.

1960 *Times* 11 Feb. 11/6 Though land-based missiles can be 'hardened'..they are still vulnerable to a fairly accurate nuclear attack.

1973 *Sci. Amer.* May 42/3 2,500 [nuclear warheads] in land-based missiles.

† **land-bat** *n.* *Obsolete* a measure of land of varying length.

1603 G. OWEN *Descr. Penbrokshire* (1891) xvii. 135 The lande batte or pole of Penbrokshire is in Kemes xij foote..Penbrokshire xj foote.

land-berg *n.* (after *iceberg*) an 'ice-mountain' on land.

Apparently an isolated use.

1853 E. K. KANE *U.S. Grinnell Exped.* xlv. 420 When first the mass separates from the land-berg or glacier, it is accompanied by a large quantity of disengaged fragments.

land-blink *n.* an atmospheric glow seen from a distance over snow-covered land in the arctic regions.

1835 J. ROSS *Narr. Second Voy. North-west Passage* iii. 41 The landblink was now very perceptible; and in the evening we discerned the land itself.

† **land-board** *n.* *Obsolete* (after *seaboard*) the borders of a country.

Apparently only in the writings of Thomas Jefferson.

1790 T. JEFFERSON *Writings* (1893–9) V. 229 If Great Britain establishes herself on our whole land-board [*i.e.* along the Mississippi].

1796 T. JEFFERSON in Pickering *Vocab. U.S.* (1816) 170 The position and circumstances of the United States leave them nothing to fear on their land-board.

land board *n.* *Australian* ‘an official board that manages public lands’ (Webster 1911).

1913 *Chambers's Jnl.* Jan. 63/1 At every meeting of the Land Board, when the Government allots land available for farmers, there are usually four to six applicants for each block.

† **land-born** *adj.* *Obsolete* native.

1589 G. PUTTENHAM *Arte Eng. Poesie* III. xix. 171 The land-borne livers safe, the forreine at his ease.

land-borne *adj.* carried by land, effected over land.

1888 *Pall Mall Gaz.* 30 Oct. 12/1 Another class of coal—best selected brights—which are landborne, fetch at the pit mouth 10s.

1934 J. L. MYRES in E. Eyre *European Civilization* I. 156 The profoundly different qualities of sea-borne and land-borne cultures.

1957 *Economist* 5 Oct. 19/2 Few [Arab states] fear Russian imperialism because, unlike Turkey or Iran, they have never felt the dead-weight of landborne pressure.

land-breast *n.* the whole frontage formed by the abutment and wing-walls or retaining walls of a bridge.

1739 C. LABELYE *Short Acct. Piers Westm. Bridge* 70 Each of the Land Breasts are to spread about 25 Feet on each Side of the Bridge.

land-bred *adj.* brought up on land (as distinguished from on sea); also, native, indigenous.

a1599 E. SPENSER *View State Ireland* 31 in J. Ware *Two Hist. Ireland* (1633) Whatsoever reliques there was left of the land-bred people.

1605 J. SYLVESTER tr. G. de S. Du Bartas *Deuine Weekes & Wks.* I. iv. 110 We resemble Land-bred nouices New brought abood to venture on the Seas.

1887 F. M. CRAWFORD *Paul Patoff* I. viii. 273 Till one day the land-bred booster puts to sea in a Channel steamer.

land-bridge *n.* (a) a connection (usually prehistoric) between two land masses; (b) an overland route linking countries more directly than previously, esp. one used by containerized freight.

- 1897 W. B. SCOTT *Introd. Geol.* xx. 353 Fossils of land animals may demonstrate the former existence of land bridges between regions which have long been separated by water.
- 1898 W. TURNER in *Nature* 13 Jan. 259/1 A 'Neolithic land bridge' was produced..and a free immigration of Neolithic man with his domestic animals became possible.
- 1911 J. L. MYRES *Dawn of Hist.* vii. 138 Some think..that the Hyksos conquest of Egypt may have been a further adventure along this southern land-bridge.
- 1941 *Manch. Guardian Weekly* 26 Sept. 194/4 There is now also a land bridge to Russia through Iran, and the Government is certain to consider whether and when we can give any military aid to Russia by that route.
- 1950 A. L. ROWSE *Eng. of Elizabeth* ii. 39 He cites the opinion of Master Twyne that a land-bridge once existed between Dover and Calais.
- 1969 *Jane's Freight Containers 1968-9* 28/1 The Port of Vancouver..put into operation the concept of the 'Land-Bridge'.
- 1969 *Jane's Freight Containers 1968-9* 32/2 The land bridge concept which foresees Canada being used as a rail-link for containers moving between Europe and the Orient.
- 1970 *Times* 2 June (Container Suppl.) p. ii/2 What is this concept, land-bridge? The term refers to the part of a movement from one place to another..consisting of an overland haul between ports.
- 1973 A. QUINTON *Nature of Things* x. 301 It is generally believed that Britain was connected to the continent of Europe by a land-bridge at some time in the fairly remote past.

† **land-carrack** *n.* *Obsolete* (a) ? a coasting vessel; (b) = *land-frigate n.*

- α1616 W. SHAKESPEARE *Othello* (1622) i. ii. 50 Faith he to night, hath boarded a land Carrick .
- 1629 W. DAVENANT *Trag. Albovine* iii. i *Grim*. I must be furnish'd too. *Cuny*. With a Mistressse? *Grim*. Yes, inquire me out some old Land-Carack.

land-cast *n.* an orientation.

- 1881 R. D. BLACKMORE *Christowell* (1882) l He turned upon his track..and making a correct landcast this time, found his way to the fountains of the Taw.

land-chain *n.* a surveyor's chain (Simmonds).

land-claim *n.* a claim to the ownership of land.

- 1812 J. McDONOGH *Papers* (1898) 12 They therefore, sir, look forward to you, knowing..your knowledge of their land claims, to have those claims before Congress.
- 1857 D. E. E. BRAMAN *Information about Texas* xiii. 151 The land claims issued by Texas.
- 1949 *Minnesota Hist.* Mar. 30 The Sioux disputed the German colonists' right to establish land claims on the site.

land-club *n.* a club formed to protect and advance the interests of agricultural communities.

1908 *Fabian News* **19** 42/2 He elaborates his scheme of land-clubs, and has himself actively taken a part in a land-club campaign.

1909 *Westm. Gaz.* 23 Apr. 4/2 These groups, called 'Land Clubs', have now federated into a league.

land-clubber *n.*

1908 *Fabian News* **19** 44/1 [A book] Useful to land-clubbers and the like.

† **land-coal** *n.* *Obsolete* coal transported by land.

a1661 T. FULLER *Worthies* (1662) Shrop. 1 One may observe a threefold difference in our English-Coale. 1 Sea-coale..2 Land-coale, at Mendip, Bedworth, &c. and carted into other Counties. 3 What one may call River or Fresh-water-Coale.

land-community *n.* joint or common ownership of land.

1874 W. STUBBS *Constit. Hist.* I. v. 85 The historical township is the body of alodial owners who have advanced beyond the stage of land-community.

land-company *n.* a commercial company formed for the exploitation of land.

1805 *Deb. Congr. U.S.* 30 Jan. (1852) 1044 Having never thought of purchasing any land from the Georgia land companies.

1833 *Knickerbocker* **1** 283 'Look,' said an old man..to the agent of the land company.

1854 J. R. LOWELL *Jrnl. Italy* in *Wks.* (1890) I. 172 Nothing else but an American land-company ever managed to induce settlers upon territory of such uninhabitable quality.

land-connection *n.* = *land-bridge* *n.* (a).

1876 A. R. WALLACE *Geogr. Distrib. Animals* I. III. xiii. 402 There is no evidence of a former land-connection between the Australian and Neotropical regions.

1924 J. G. A. SKERL tr. A. Wegener *Orig. Continents & Oceans* ii. 19 The former existence of broad land connections between continents which are widely separated at the present day can scarcely be doubted.

1957 J. K. CHARLESWORTH *Quaternary Era* II. xxxii. 696 Glaciation seems irreconcilable with a land-connexion, so often suggested, between Australia and South America during Tertiary time.

land-cook *n.* U.S. one who 'cooks' land for the market.

1807 *Edinb. Rev.* **10** 112 How comes it to pass that the American land~cook is cunning enough to carry on his trick.

land cress *n.* a biennial herb of the family Cruciferae, *Barbarea verna*; also, occasionally used for *B. vulgaris*.

- 1856 W. A. BROMFIELD *Flora Vectensis* 33 Mr R. Loe of Newchurch tells me it [sc. *Barbarea verna*] is often substituted by the people of this island [sc. the Isle of Wight] for the common Water Cress, being known by the opposite cognomen of Land Cress.
- 1878 J. BRITTEN & R. HOLLAND *Dict. Eng. Plant-names* 129 Cress, Land. (1) *Barbarea præcox*, Br... (2) *Cardamine hirsuta*, L.
- 1944 W. J. STOKOE *Caterpillars Brit. Butterflies* 179 Wintercress *Barbarea vulgaris*. is also known as Yellow Rocket and Land Cress, to distinguish it from Watercress, which, in general appearance, it closely resembles.
- 1946 *Nature* 21 Dec. 920/1 Investigations under the Dairy Research Institute have included landcress taint in cream and butter.
- 1969 S. G. HARRISON et al. *Oxf. Bk. Food Plants* 152/2 Winter Cress or Land Cress (*Barbarea verna*), is a useful but rarely-grown salad plant.

land district *n.* U.S. one of the districts into which a state or territory is divided for matters connected with land.

- 1812 *Deb. Congr. U.S.* 9 Dec. (1853) 28 The Board of Commissioners for the western land district, in the State of Louisiana.
- 1820 J. A. QUTTMAN *Let. in Life & Corr.* 51 It has been divided into two land-districts, of one of which Mr. Brush is register.
- 1831 J. M. PECK *Guide for Emigrants* 257 The State is divided into land districts, which are designated by Congress.
- 1849 E. CHAMBERLAIN *Indiana Gazetteer* 24 In every land district is a land office where all the public lands belonging to that district are sold.
- 1883 *Rep. Indian Affairs (U.S.)* 187 An Act to create three additional land districts in the territory of Dakota.

land-drain *n.* (see quot. 1967); also as *v.*

- 1767 A. YOUNG *Farmer's Lett.* 245 When the ditching is done, the next work is to land-drain the whole fields in such a manner that every part of them may be laid dry.
- 1767 A. YOUNG *Farmer's Lett.* 251 In some fields..it is very difficult to tell exactly where to make the land-drains.
- 1841 J. F. BURKE *On Land-drainage* 4 Remains have been found of some very ancient land-drains.
- 1932 E. BLUNDEN *Fall in, Ghosts* 9 The trickling land-drain under the culvert did not report the imminence of an enemy.
- 1967 *Gloss. Sanitation Terms (B.S.I.)* 6 Land drain, a drain, composed of porous or perforated pipes, laid in a trench filled with gravel, broken stone, or the like, for sub-soil drainage.

land-drainage *n.*

- 1841 J. F. BURKE (*title*) On land-drainage, subsoil-ploughing and irrigation.
- 1950 *Engineering* CLXIX. 143/3 The book should be of great value also to designers of land-drainage, irrigation and water-supply works.

land-draining *n.*

1841 J. F. BURKE *On Land-drainage* 35 Land-draining..should never be undertaken but with a determination to do it effectually.

land-dummier *n.* *Australian* (see DUMMY *v.* 1).

1880 *Gentleman's Mag.* **246** 77 The successes and failures of Australian land-dummiers.

land-dummying *n.*

1880 *Gentleman's Mag.* **246** 76 The fraudulent transaction known as land-dummying.

† **land-evil** *n.* *Obsolete* (a) an epidemic; (b) ? the falling sickness, epilepsy.

?c1225 (►?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 266 Þet lont uuel [?a1289 *Scribe D* lond uuel] þet alle londes leiþen on & liggeð 3et monie.

c1440 *Promptorium Parvulorum* 312/1 Lond ivyl, sekenesse (*P. londe euyll*), *epilencia*.

† **landfang** *n.* *Obsolete* holding-ground for an anchor.

a1584 S. BOROUGH in R. Hakluyt *Princ. Navigations* (1589) II. 327 Where a ship may ride..in 4. fadome..of water, and haue Landfange for a North and by West winde.

land-fast *n.* and *adj.* (a) *n.* an attachment on the land for a vessel; (b) *adj.* firmly attached to the shore.

1703 W. DAMPIER *Voy. New Holland* i. 36 There is not clean Ground enough for above 3 Ships;..One even of these must lie close to the Shore, with a Land-fast there.

1926 *Daily Colonist* (Victoria, Brit. Columbia) 24 Jan. 6/4 Amundsen's experience in the Arctic has been on shipboard, on land, and on landfast polar ice.

1973 *National Geographic* Mar. 350 Anchoring block and tackle to land-fast ice, all strain together to haul the bowhead out of the water.

† **land-feather** *n.* *Obsolete* a bay or inlet.

c1582 DIGGES in *Archaeologia* **11** 236 The south baye or landfether of the great sluice.

land fever *n.* *North American* eager desire for, or excitement about, securing land (cf. *gold fever n.* at GOLD *n.*¹ and *adj.* Compounds 1e).

1839 *Daily Picayune* (New Orleans) 23 Apr. 2/2 Then came the land fever, which swept over the country like a pestilence.

1840 *Knickerbocker Mag.* **16** 205 (*heading*) Recollections of the Land-Fever.

1845 C. M. KIRKLAND *Western Clearings* 4 In the days of the land-fever.

1900 E. B. OSBORN *Greater Canada* 60 Many years passed before the North-West recovered from the commercial lethargy which followed this attack of land-fever.

- 1946 E. HODGINS *Mr. Blandings builds his Dream House* 16 Then, suddenly the land fever seized them.
- 1972 J. M. MINIFIE *Homesteader* vi. 40 Many of the harvesters were bitten by the land fever, and filed on land for themselves once the harvest was over.

† **land-fish** *n.* *Obsolete* (a) ? freshwater fish; (b) a fish that lives on land; hence, an unnatural creature.

- 1419 *Liber Albus* (Rolls) 221 I. 376 Qui ducit landfisshe post prandium, bene licet ei hospitari piscem suum, et in crastino ponere piscem suum in foro Domini Regis.
- 1609 W. SHAKESPEARE *Troilus & Cressida* III. iii. 255 Hees growne a very land-fish languagelesse, a monster.

land-floe *n.* a sheet of sea-ice extending from the land.

- 1823 W. SCORESBY *Jrnl. Voy. Northern Whale-fishery* 101 The drift of the ice towards the south-west,..for three weeks preceding our entrance amid the land floes, had averaged seven or eight miles a-day.
- 1866 C. E. SMITH *Diary* 20 July in *Listener* (1969) 17 Apr. 525/2 We are unable to stir, with a tremendous land-floe on one side of us and, on the other side, a body of ice extending as far as we can see from the mast-head.
- 1939 *Beaver* June 31 By May literally hundreds of thousands [of eider ducks] have arrived to feed in the sea and rest idly on the edge of land-floe and ice-pan.

† **land-frigate** *n.* *Obsolete* a harlot, strumpet.

- 1611 B. JONSON *Explic. Emblemes Frontispice* in T. Coryate *Crudities* sig. a^v Here to his Land-Friggat hee's ferried by Charon, He bords her; a seruice a hot and a rare one.

land-fyrd *n.* *Old English and Historical* the land force.

- 11.. *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* anno 1001 (Laud) Ne him to ne dorste scip here on sæ, ne land~fyrd.
- 1874 J. R. GREEN *Short Hist. Eng. People* ii. §4. 75 The Land-Fyrd, or general levy of fighting men.

land-gift *n.* = BHOODAN *n.*

- 1953 *Times* 15 Apr. 7/3 The bhoodan (land-gift) movement..is attempting to help the thirty million to forty million landless cultivators of India.
- 1957 *Listener* 30 May 889/3 The Land Gifts Movement..aims at persuading landowners large and small to surrender voluntarily a sixth of their land for distribution to the poor.
- 1964 T. ZINKIN *India* vi. 125 Vinoba Bhawe..managed to create such a response for his 'Bhoodan'— land-gift— that the bitterness on which the communists had thrived in Telengana vanished.

land girl *n.* a member of the Women's Land Army (see *land army n.* (b)).

- 1918 *Times* 20 Mar. 9/4 The land girls [had] little felt hats and smocks and their red badges of service.
- 1919 'I. HAY' *Last Million* (new ed.) 81 We have consorted with..Farmers, Hedgers, and Land Girls.

- 1923 *Daily Mail* 2 Apr. 7 A few more land-girls have put on their breeches and gaiters, smocks and slouch hats, and gone back to their old war-time tasks.
- 1928 'R. CROMPTON' *William—the Good* iv. 103 He found his sister Ethel wearing a neat land girl's costume and weeding a bed.
- 1940 *Manch. Guardian Weekly* 8 Nov. 325 One German pilot even turned his guns against land girls working in the fields.
- 1958 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 11 July 399/5 A young Tunisian land~girl and youth leader.
- 1974 M. CECIL *Heroines in Love* vii. 175 Down on the farm the Land Girl was swept off her feet by the farmer.

† **land-good** *n.* [< Dutch *landgoed*] *Obsolete* a landed estate.

- a1626 J. HORSEY *Relacion Trav.* in E. A. Bond *Russia at Close of 16th Cent.* (1856) 246 Purchasing..howses and landgoods upon which they did inhabite.

land grant *n.* a grant of land; *spec.* attributive in *land-grant-college n.*

- 1862 *N.Y. Tribune* 21 Mar. Some years since, the movement for a Pacific Railroad, attended by an enormous land-grant, assumed proportions that indicated the probable success of the movement.
- 1869 *Bradshaw's Railway Man.* 21 431 Expended..Land grant expenses—\$7,205.
- 1870 J. K. MEDBERY *Men & Myst. Wall St.* 311 Unusual land-grants were made to railroad companies.
- 1873 J. H. BEADLE *Undevel. West* xi. 191 The election had weakened the Republican party, and land grants were thought to be among the chief causes.
- 1900 *Daily Chron.* 28 Aug. 5/1 At the present time no land-grants to emigrants are being made by the Natal Government.
- 1944 F. CLUNE *Red Heart* 5 He was..a hander-out of liberal land-grants to sycophantic favourites.
- 1962 H. R. LOYN *Anglo-Saxon Eng.* iv. 158 If arable is at the centre of the land-grant, connected rights in meadow, pasture..and wood were closely associated with it.

land-grant-college *n.* U.S. a college set up originally under the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862, which donated public lands to certain States for the establishment of colleges of agriculture, etc.

- 1889 *Cent. Mag.* Jan. 404/2 The land-grant colleges graduate men fitted to superintend farms and workshops.
- 1943 J. S. HUXLEY *TVA* vi. 30 In 1862..Land Grant Colleges were established—so called because in every State lands were granted from the public domain to endow a College for the teaching of 'Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts'.
- 1967 MRS. L. B. JOHNSON *White House Diary* 14 Mar. (1970) 498 Federal participation in education is not exactly new, going back as far as 1785 in the Land Ordinance, the land grant colleges of the 1860's [etc.].

land-honour *n.* (see HONOUR *n.* 6).

- 1671 MADOX (*title*) *Baronia Anglica, a History of Land-Honours and Baronies, and of Feudal Tenure in capite.*

land-horse *n.* the horse on the landside of a plough.

- 1842 *Chambers's Information for People* (new ed.) II. 325/2 The..most forward horse, should be put in the furrow, and only bound back to the right or off theet of the land-horse.

land-hunger *n.* keen desire for the acquisition of land.

1862 J. M. LUDLOW *Hist. U.S.* vi. 221 The land-hunger of the South now outstripped even the ambition of conquest of Mr. Polk.

land-hungry *adj.*

1889 *Cent. Mag.* Jan. 369/2 When the land-hungry band of Welsh and Norman barons entered Ireland.

land-hunter *n.* *U.S.* one who searches for land to settle on or purchase.

1816 U. BROWN *Jrnl. in Maryland Hist. Mag.* 10 367 This John Hall was a Land Speculator and a Land Hunter and Informed him of the Vacancy.

1834 *Visit to Texas* xxiii. 214 These persons, commonly called land-hunters, were almost all from the United States, and generally from the South Western States.

1845 C. M. KIRKLAND *Western Clearings* 2 To mislead an unpractised land-hunter was a matter of no great difficulty.

land-ice *n.* ice attached to the shore, as distinguished from *floe*.

1820 SCORESBY in *Ann. Reg.* II. 1324 Land-ice consists of drift-ice attached to the shore; or drift-ice, which, by being covered with mud or gravel, appears to have recently been in contact with the shore; or the flat-ice, resting on the land, not having the appearance or elevation of ice-bergs.

1856 E. K. KANE *Arctic Explor.* I. xxiii. 281 Crossing the land-ices by portage.

1874 J. GEIKIE *Great Ice Age* xxxiii. 504 This great sheet of land-ice levelled up the valleys of Britain.

† **land-ill** *n.* *Obsolete* an epidemic (cf. *land-evil n.*).

c1500 *Addic. Scot. Cron.* (1819) 4 The land Ill. was so violent þ^t þar deit ma þ^t yere than euir þar deit oulder in pestilens [etc.].

land-jobber *n.* one who makes a business of buying and selling land on speculation.

1745 J. SWIFT *Direct. to Servants* 74 Let him be at Home to none but.. a Land-Jobber, or his Inventor of new Funds.

1777 J. ADAMS *Wks.* (1850) II. 436 Landjobbers, speculators in land.

1789 J. MORSE *Amer. Geogr.* 261 The governors were many of them land-jobbers.

1808 T. ASHE *Trav. Amer.* x. 90 A few sordid monopolizers called land jobbers.

1833 J. B. WYETH *Oregon* 35 The New England land-jobbers were in their bargains too hard for the torpid Dutchman.

1876 G. BANCROFT *Hist. U.S.* (rev. ed.) IV. xv. 419 A physician, land-jobber, and subservient political intriguer.

land-jobbing *n.*

- 1781 R. H. LEE in *Coll. Mass. Hist. Soc.* (1814) 2nd Ser. I. 186 Toryism, British interest, and Land~jobbing views, combine numbers without and within doors.
- 1816 U. BROWN *Jrnl.* in *Maryland Hist. Mag.* **10** 346 This Henry is a full Bred Land Jobber.; his Land Jobbing extends from the Mouth of the Mississippi to Uwchland Township Chester County Pennsylvania.
- 1825 DOUGHERTY *Light to People Kentucky* 1 It was the case of..the first settlers of Kentucky..against..the famous John Kercheval, of land jobbing memory.
- 1885 *Cent. Mag.* Apr. 826 When the bill to establish a State park at Niagara was on its passage,..the great majority of the country members were opposed to it, fearing that it might conceal some land-jobbing scheme.

land-jumping *n.* ‘jumping’ another person's land.

- 1910 J. HART *Vigilante Girl* iv. 46 His opinion was asked by a street tribunal over a ‘land-jumping’.

land-lead *n.* a navigable opening in the ice along the shore.

- 1856 E. K. KANE *Arctic Explor.* II. xxviii. 278 Here the land-leads ceased, with the exception of some small and scarcely practicable openings near the shore.

† **land-leak** *n.* *Obsolete* ? a leak produced in a vessel before starting on a voyage.

- a1657 G. DANIEL *Trinarchodia: Henry V* xcii, in *Poems* (1878) IV. 124 What horror stops my Quill? ere yet aboard Wee see the Royall Fraught, a Land-Leake Springs.

land legs *n.* [compare **SEA LEGS** *n.*] used to designate the ability to walk comfortably on land after being at sea, in a train, etc.

- 1871 *City-Road Mag.* I. 242/1 If Mr. Goschen has had to get his sea-legs on, Jack finds it as difficult to put on his land-legs.
- 1908 *Daily Chron.* 10 June 4/4 I had so thoroughly got my sea-legs in the constant tossing about that I had lost my land legs.
- 1927 *Sunday Times* 6 Mar. 23/4 The tourists will disembark..and proceed to Teignmouth to spend eighteen days recovering their ‘land legs’ and developing combination.
- 1938 H. NICOLSON *Let.* 17 Apr. (1966) 337 Have you..recovered your landlegs as yet? After three days in the train one feels the room rocking like after three days at sea.

land-looker *n.* *U.S.* (see quot.); also (*obsolete*), a person claiming to have appraised the land in a given area.

- 1836 D. WEBSTER *Priv. Corr.* (1857) II. 21 I hope you will leave some faithful ‘land-lookers’ to explore for you in your absence.
- 1840 *Knickerbocker* **16** 206 Another class of operators..became popularly known as ‘land-lookers’. These met you at every turn, ready to furnish ‘water power’, ‘pine-lots’, ‘choice farming tracts’ or any thing else, at a moment's notice.
- 1845 C. M. KIRKLAND *Western Clearings* 6 These blunders called into action another class of operators, who became popularly known as ‘land-lookers’.

- 1891 R. A. ALGER in *Voice* (N.Y.) 15 Oct. What woodsmen call a 'land-looker', i.e. a timber expert whose business it is to locate pine timber land in Michigan.
- 1893 *Scribner's Mag.* June 695/1 My first day's experience as a 'Cruiser' or 'Landlooker'.
- 1900 E. BRUCKEN *N. Amer. Forests* 81 A peculiar class of people variously known as woodsmen, cruisers, landlookers, whose business it is to give information as to the existence of pine timber, its location, amount, value.
- 1902 S. E. WHITE *Blazed Trail* xvi. 116 This is the usual method of procedure adopted by land-lookers everywhere.

† **land-lurch** *v.* *Obsolete* to rob of land (see LURCH *v.*¹).

- 1596 W. WARNER *Albions Eng.* (rev. ed.) IX. xlv. 219 Hence countrie Loutes land-lurch their Lords.

† **land-male** *n.* *Obsolete* 'a reserved rent charged upon a piece of land by the chief lord of the fee, or a subsequent mesne owner' (Wright *Provinc. Dict.* 1857); also attributive **land-male-book**.

- 1390–1 in J. T. Fowler *Extracts Acct. Rolls Abbey of Durham* (1899) II. 392 Pro landmale, 9d.
- 1416–17 in J. T. Fowler *Extracts Acct. Rolls Abbey of Durham* (1901) III. 614 Pro ligatura cujusdam libri vocati le landmalebok, 16d.
- 1429 in J. T. Fowler *Extracts Acct. Rolls Abbey of Durham* (1898) I. 60 In layndmayle solut. sacriste Dunelm., 9½d.
- 1577 in D. Balfour *Oppress. 16th Cent. Orkney & Zetland* (1859) 18 Ane dewitie thai pay to the Kingis Maiestie for thair scat and landmales zeirlie.
- 1665 in J. Barmby *Churchwardens' Accts. Pitlington* (1888) 218 15 August, Paid for Land Male, 1s. 9d.

† **land-march** *n.* *Obsolete* territory bordering on another country.

- 1614 J. SELDEN *Titles of Honor* 212 Many of the Imperial Marquisats..had their names from being Land-marches of the State, and not from their maritime situation.

land-marker *n.* 'a machine for laying out rows for planting' (E. H. Knight *Pract. Dict. Mech.* 1875).

† **land-mate** *n.* *Obsolete* (see quot.).

- 1670 T. BLOUNT *Glossographia* (ed. 3) *Land-mate*, in Herefordshire he that in Harvest-time reaps on the same ridge of ground, or Land, with another, they call Land-mates, that is fellow Laborers on the same land.

† **land-mead** *n.* *Obsolete* a tract of meadow land.

- 1577–87 W. HARRISON *Descr. Eng.* (1877) III. I. xviii. 132 Our medowes, are either bottomes..or else such as we call land meads, and borrowed from the best and fattest pasturages.

landmine *n.* (a) an explosive mine used on land; (b) a bomb dropped by parachute from an aircraft.

- 1890 *Electrician* 16 Mar. 502/1 Land Mines. These mines..are intended to be placed a few inches below the surface of the ground, and are so constructed that they..fire themselves electrically or mechanically when the measure of the weight of a man is brought to bear upon them.
- 1915 R. W. CAMPBELL *Private Spud Tamson* xix. 288 A terrific explosion of land mines, which burst beneath the feet of the enemy.
- 1917 E. A. MACKINTOSH *War, the Liberator* (1918) 134 Two sappers brought up land mines and laid them.
- 1940 *Notes & Queries* 21 Dec. 440/2 Up to September of this year a land-mine..signified a receptacle filled with explosive and concealed immediately below the surface of the ground... In popular parlance it has come to mean a mine, that is to say a thin metal container holding a large quantity of explosive, dropped from an enemy aeroplane upon the land.
- 1959 *Chambers's Encycl.* II. 413/1 The effectiveness of the 'land-mines' dropped by the Luftwaffe on Britain.
- 1968 M. RICHLER in R. Weaver *Canad. Short Stories* 2nd Ser. 183 Had a little disagreement with a land mine, son.
- 1973 'R. MACLEOD' *Nest of Vultures* vi. 129 British antipersonnel Claymore land-mines.

land-mistress *n.* = LANDLADY *n.* 1.

- 1860 T. P. THOMPSON *Audi Alteram Partem* (1861) III. cxxxiv. 102 If our Welsh land~mistress said, 'Here are Martin and John making me fair offers for the farm' [etc.].

landnám *n.* [Old Norse *land-nám* < *land* land, territory + *nám*, < *nema* to take] = *land-take n.*

- 1858 G. W. DASENT in *Oxf. Ess.* 185 Chief after chief coming out [to Iceland]..settling himself on some great chief's lot or landnám, who allotted him a portion on condition of the acknowledgement of his supremacy.
- 1877 C. A. V. CONYBEARE *Place of Iceland in Hist. European Inst.* 28 The Goðorð was no doubt intimately connected with the landnám of the most powerful of the immigrants.
- 1915 K. GJERSET *Hist. Norwegian People* (1932) xxv. 140 The chieftains..claimed large tracts of land by right of settlement and occupation..while the freemen..with their consent, settled in their landnám.

† **land-neck** *n.* *Obsolete* an isthmus.

- 1619 E. M. BOLTON tr. Florus *Rom. Hist.* II. xvi. 210 At the very entrance of the Isthmus, or land-neck.

† **land-oath** *n.* *Obsolete* (see quot.).

- 1687 W. PETTY *Polit. Anat. Ireland* (1691) 94 Of all Oaths, they [sc. the Irish] think themselves at much liberty to take a Land-Oath, as they call it: Which is an Oath to prove a forg'd Deed, a Possession, Livery or Seisin, payment of Rents, &c. in order to recover for their Countrey-men the Lands which they had forfeited.

land-office *n.* originally *U.S.* (see quot. 1855).

- 1681 in *Arch. Maryland* (1889) VII. 242 An Act relating to the Land Office.
- 1755 H. SHARPE *Corr.* (1888) I. 193 Issuing a Commission to Mr. Calvert and Doctor Steuart as Joint Iudges of the Land Office.
- 1790 A. HAMILTON in H. C. Syrett *Papers* (1962) VI. 503 It seems requisite, that the general Land-office should be established at the seat of Government.
- 1855 J. OGILVIE *Suppl. Imperial Dict.* *Land-office*, in most colonies there are land-offices, in which the sales of new land are registered, and warrants issued for the location of land, and other business respecting unsettled land is transacted.

land-office business *n.* a thriving business, like that done in a land-office in boom times; a 'roaring trade'.

- 1839 *Daily Picayune* (New Orleans) 2 Apr. 2/3 A practical printer..could do a land-office business here.
- 1877 'M. TWAIN' in *Atlantic Monthly* Nov. 590/1 Naturally, the prophets of Baal took all the trade. Isaac..went a-propheysing around, letting on to be doing a land-office business, but 't wa'n't any use.
- 1882 *Rep. Precious Metals* (U.S. Bureau of Mint) 153 It is owned by the Union Mill and Mining Company, which once did a land-office business in ore crushing.
- 1935 M. M. ATWATER *Murder in Midsummer* v. 51 He was doing a land-office business in gas and pop and candy.
- 1951 E. PAUL *Springtime in Paris* (U.K. ed.) xi. 203 American students..used to do a land-office business in contraband cigarettes.
- 1972 *New York* 12 June 35/2 Allen & Co...was doing a land-office business touting Planet Oil.

land-packet *n.* *U.S.* (see quot.).

- 1847 W. T. PORTER *Quarter Race Kentucky* 115 Known as the Captain of a 'land-packet'—in plain terms, the driver of an ox-team.

land-passage *n.* †(*a*) an isthmus; (*b*) passage by land.

- 1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* I. 78 Another land passage or Isthmus there is of like streightness..and of equall breadth with that of Corinth.
- 1642 *Declar. Chas. I to Parl.* in J. Rushworth *Hist. Coll.: Third Pt.* (1692) I. 602 He hath..cut the Banks, and let in the Waters to drown the Land-passages, and to make the Town inaccessible by that way.
- a1676 M. HALE *Primitive Originat. Mankind* (1677) II. vii. 190 There is no Land-passage from this Elder World unto that of America.

† **land-peerage** *n.* *Obsolete* (see quot.).

- 1741 T. ROBINSON *Common Law of Kent* II. viii. 273 A Custom..is set up at present in most Manors of..the..Weald under the Name of Landpeerage; whereby the Owners of the Lands, on each side the Highways, claim to exclude the Lord from the Property of the Soil of the Way, and of the Trees growing thereon.

land-pirate *n.* one who robs on land, a highwayman; †also, a literary pirate.

- 1608 T. DEKKER *Lanthorne & Candle-light* sig. G3^v The Cabbines where these Land-pirates lodge in the night, are the Out-barnes of Farmers.
- c1670 in T. Brooks *Wks.* (1867) VI. 388 Some dishonest booksellers, called land-pirates, who make it their practice to steal impressions of other men's copies.
- 1699 B. E. *New Dict. Canting Crew* Land-pirates, Highwaymen or any other Robbers.
- 1890 'R. BOLDREWOOD' *Miner's Right* III. xxxiv. 105 A bloody murdering land-pirate that ought to be hung at the yard-arm.

landplane *n.* an aircraft which can only operate from land (opposed to SEAPLANE *n.*).

- 1923 *Daily Mail* 23 June 5 Among landplanes there are huge new troop-carriers.
- 1932 *19th Cent.* Feb. 205 One squadron of flying-boats and one of torpedo-bomber landplanes.
- 1941 E. C. SHEPHERD *Mil. Aeroplane* 27 The Coastal Command..has..landplane reconnaissance craft which can also carry bombs.
- 1942 *Tee Emm* (Air Ministry) 2 61 Land planes are not designed for alighting on the sea.
- 1969 K. MUNSON *Pioneer Aircraft 1903-14* 152/2 Unlike Fabre's seaplane, however, this was both a landplane and a biplane, with a twin-girder 'fuselage' on which was lightly attached an aluminium nacelle encompassing side-by-side seats for pilot and passenger.

land-plaster *n.* 'rock-gypsum ground to a powder for use as a fertilizer' (*Cent. Dict.*).

- 1861 *Amer. Agriculturist* Jan. 31/3 (*advt.*) Genuine No. 1 Peruvian Guano. Dried Blood and Wood. Land Plaster. Pondrette. For sale at lowest market price, and in quantities to suit.

† **land-pole** *n.* *Obsolete* the pole or perch.

- 1603 G. OWEN *Descr. Penbrokshire* (1891) xvi. 133 The vsuall measure of land vsed in this shire much differeth from the statute acre, for yt differeth all together in summinge vp, as allso in the land pole.

land-poor *adj.* U.S. poor through owning much land and being unable easily to support the burden of taxation.

- 1873 J. H. BEADLE *Undeveloped West* 781 In the country, the old settlers are 'land-poor'—so rich that they can not pay their taxes.
- 1888 *Harper's Mag.* Apr. 702/2 He was not only land-poor, but he had no experience in the management of his plantation.
- 1914 *Collier's* 31 Jan. 22/2 The land-poor farmer is a well-known institution in the Middle West.
- a1953 E. O'NEILL *Long Day's Journey* (1956) IV. 125 All I told them was I couldn't afford any millionaire's sanatorium because I was land poor.

land-presser *n.* an apparatus for pressing down the soil.

- 1834 *Penny Cycl.* II. 224/2 In such soils an artificial pan may be formed by the land-presser or press-drill.

land-province *n.* ‘a province of the land distinct from others in the assemblage of plants or animals which it contains, or in their distribution’ (Cassell, 1884).

† **land-raker** *n.* *Obsolete* (see *foot land-raker n.* at *FOOT n.* and *int. Compounds 3*).

land-reeve *n.* (see *quot.*).

1842 W. T. BRANDE *Dict. Sci., Lit. & Art* 635/2 *Landreeve*, a subordinate officer on an extensive estate, who acts as an assistant to the land steward.

Land Registry *n.* a government department with which titles to or charges upon land must be registered; the building or office in which this department is housed.

1862 *Act 25 & 26 Victoria* c. 53 s. 108 An Office, to be called the Office of *Land Registry*, shall be established.

1974 J. M. BROWNJOHN tr. H. H. Kirst *Time for Truth* iii. 73 The information does seem to be genuine... I took the liberty of running a preliminary check at the *Land Registry*.

1986 *Homes & Savings* Winter 46/1 The *Land Registry* issues a land certificate..to the owner.

land-roll *n.* (see *quot.*).

1858 P. L. SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade Products* *Land-roll*, a clod-crusher and seam~presser.

Land-Rover *n.* (also **Landrover**) (a proprietary name for) a sturdy, four-wheel-drive motor vehicle designed esp. for work in rough or agricultural country.

1948 *Trade Marks Jrnl.* 29 Sept. 786/2 *Land~rover*... Land motor-vehicles and parts thereof... The Rover Company Limited.

1948 *Motor* 3 Nov. 381/1 Also exhibited is the *Land Rover*, as a closed estate car with seven-seat capacity, a go-anywhere, four-wheel-drive model powered by the ‘60’ engine.

1953 *New Statesman* 13 June 696/3 Commuting barristers and stockbrokers in their shooting brakes and *land-rovers*.

1959 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 24 Apr. 243/4 It is one of the few recent books about the Sahara desert in which there is no mention of a *Land-Rover*.

1960 *Times* 5 July (Agric. Suppl.) p. iv/1 The *Land-Rover* is as much part of the farming scene as the cattle or the sheep.

1971 *Country Life* 25 Feb. 436/2 Then came the *Landrover*, also a multi-purpose, cross-country vehicle.

† **land-rush** *n.* *Obsolete* a landslip.

c1550 *Complaynt Scotl.* (1979) vi. 31 Mony hurlis of stannirs & stanis that tumlit doune vitht the *land rusche*.

land sale *n.* (a) a sale of land; (b) applied *attributively* to collieries which are worked on a small scale and from which coal is supplied only to the country round; *plural* the coal so disposed of.

1708 J. C. *Compl. Collier* 19 in T. Nourse *Mistery of Husbandry Discover'd* (ed. 3) Land-Sale Collieries.

1848 *Simmonds's Colonial Mag.* 14 63 The whole sum realised by land sales.

1860 *Eng. & Foreign Mining Gloss.* (new ed.) (Newcastle Terms) Landsale, coals sold to the country in the neighbourhood of the pit.

1886 J. BOYD *Bewick Gleanings* 2 His father and grandfather before him, had..held a small 'landsale' colliery near their home at Cherryburn.

land-score *n.* [representing Old English *landscoru*] *Historical*, a division of land

1828 N. CARLISLE *Hist. Acct. Comm. conc. Charities* 295 Anciently the greatest part of the Country lay in common, only some parcels about the villages being inclosed, and a small quantity in Land-Scores allotted out for tillage.

† **land-scot** *n.* *Obsolete* a tax on land formerly levied in some parishes for the maintenance of the church.

1617 in G. W. Hill & W. H. Frere *Mem. Stepney Parish* (1891) 77 There shalbe a generall Landskot and assessem^t made of all the inhabitants of the parish..toward the necessarie repayre of the Church.

1875 W. D. PARISH *Dict. Sussex Dial.* Lanscot or Landscote.

land-scrip *n.* *U.S.* a negotiable certificate, issued by the U.S. government or by corporate bodies holding donations of land therefrom, entitling the holder to the possession of certain portions of public land (Webster, 1864).

1834 A. JACKSON in *Messages & Papers of Presidents* (1896) III. 52 Mr. St. Clair..had permitted the clerk in his office to be the agent of speculations in land scrip.

1848 *Indiana Gen. Assembly Doc.* (1849) I. 181 Such land Scrip as had been issued on the Wabash and Erie Canal.

1857 D. E. E. BRAMAN *Information about Texas* xiii. 151 The land claims issued by Texas..are head-right certificates, military certificates, land-scrip.

1862 *Congress Globe* 10 June 2628/1 There is no railroad company..that has the right to locate land scrip.

1943 L. V. HAMNER *Short Grass* 174 Surveyors..bought up a lot of land scrip for almost nothing.

land-scurvy *n.* scurvy occurring on land, as amongst inmates of workhouses, armies, etc.

1790 W. BUCHAN *Domest. Med.* (ed. 11) xxxix. 397 Harrowgate-water is certainly an excellent medicine in the land scurvy.

1891 C. CREIGHTON *Hist. Epidemics Brit.* 605 (*note*) At one time land-scurvy was detected (under the influence of theory) in many forms.

land-sealing *n.* hunting seals on land.

1911 *Chambers's Jnl.* July 475/2 In the land-sealing, thousands of fur-seals are driven and forced onwards.

land-sergeant *n.* (see quot. 1893); also, the steward of an estate.

a1775 *Hobie Noble* ix, in F. J. Child *Eng. & Sc. Pop. Ballads* (1890) IV. VII. 2/2 I dare not with you into England ride, The land-sergeant has me at feid.

1893 R. O. HESLOP *Northumberland Words* Land-serjeant, one of the officers of the Border watch, under the Warden of the March.

1894 R. S. FERGUSON *Hist. Westmorland* 197 The steward or land-sergeant of their barony or manor.

land-shark *n.* (a) one who makes a livelihood by preying upon seamen when ashore; (b) a land-grabber; (c) a lean breed of hog.

1769 J. WESLEY *Jnl.* 30 Mar. Let all beware of these land~sharks.

1815 W. SCOTT *Guy Mannering* II. 219 Lieutenant Brown..told him some goose's gazette about his being taken in a skirmish with the land-sharks.

1829 in *Ohio Archaeol. & Hist. Q.* (1939) XLVIII. 331 The Counsel is sure to be supported by the presiding Judges..& thus the Property of Society is Confiscated Legally between these Land Sharks.

1839 J. D. LANG *N.Z. in 1839* i. 14 A class of persons in that Colony [sc. New South Wales] who were known by the name of Land Sharks..have turned their eyes all at once to New Zealand.

1840 *Knickerbocker Mag.* 16 211 Well! you're a land-shark, then—swallowin' up poor men's farms.

1848 W. ARMSTRONG *Stocks* 37 A hundred thousand dollars..which he very naturally refused to deprive her of for the sake of satisfying certain land sharks.

1850 *Ann. Rep. Commissioner Patents 1849: Agric.* 107 in *U.S. Congress. Serial Set* (31st Congr., 1st Sess.: House of Representatives Executive Doc. 20, Pt. 2) VI In the county of Yates, I am not aware that there is the first full-blood breeding animal of any description, unless it be the full blood land-shark hog.

1852 *Trans. Mich. Agric. Soc.* 3 332 Various known as narragansetts, alligators, land sharks and flea breeders.

1857 C. KINGSLEY *Two Years Ago* I. iv. 117 Can't trust these landsharks; they'll plunder even the rings off a corpse's fingers. They think every wreck a godsend.

1865 C. F. HURSTHOUSE *Lett. on N.Z. Subj.* 89 'Land Sharks', twenty years ago this was a term rife in Australia and New Zealand.

1873 E. EGGLESTON *Myst. Metropolisville* xi. 94 Making severe remarks on the subject of land speculators, and particularly of land-sharks.

a1910 'O. HENRY' *Rolling Stones* (1915) 218 A class of land speculators commonly called land sharks, unscrupulous and greedy.

1935 A. SULLIVAN *Great Divide* 342 The Metis are being stirred up by the land sharks to demand their scrip, then the sharks will swallow them.

† **land-sharking** *n.* *New Zealand Obsolete* (see quot. 1839) *Obsolete*.

1839 *Colonial Gaz.* 28 Aug. 627/2 Land-sharking means pretending to purchase, but really obtaining somehow, land from the natives.

1840 *1st Rep. N.Z. Company* 31 The practice of land-sharking, or the acquisition of land from the barbarous natives by private persons, without any reserves for the use of the natives, or indeed any sort of regard for

their just rights.

- 1855 C. W. RICHMOND *Let.* 28 Apr. in *Richmond-Atkinson Papers* (1960) I. 162 Such agreements favor landsharking and tend to produce strife and contention.

land-sick *adj.* (a) sick for the sight of land; (b) *Nautical* (of a ship) impeded in its movements by being close to land; (c) sick of being on the land; (d) sick as a result of being on land again after a long sea voyage.

- 1846 H. MELVILLE *Typee* i. (heading) A land-sick ship.
 1888 L. A. SMITH *Music of Waters* 219 I could understand any land~sick lad longing for a sea-life if he once heard this ballast-throwing song.
 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 Feb. 2/1 The joy of the land-sick sailors who cried, 'The sea, the sea!'
 1908 *Daily Chron.* 10 June 4/4 It was very curious, that first step ashore... I was thoroughly land-sick.
 1922 D. H. LAWRENCE *Let.* 5 Sept. (1962) II. 714 We were twenty-five days at sea and are still landsick—the floor ought to go up and down, the room ought to tremble from the engines, the water ought to swish around but doesn't, so one is landsick. The solid ground almost hurts.
 1924 D. H. LAWRENCE & M. L. SKINNER *Boy in Bush* 19 Jack was a little tired and a little land-sick, after the long voyage.

† **land-speech** *n.* *Obsolete* a language, tongue.

- a1325 (þc1250) *Gen. & Exod.* (1968) l. 669 Sexti lond-speeches and .xii. mo Weren delt ðane in werlde ðo.

land-speed *n.* (a) speed (of an aircraft) relative to the ground; (b) speed on the ground (e.g. in a motor vehicle).

- 1910 R. FERRIS *How it Flies* xx. 464 Land-speed, the speed of aircraft as related to objects on the ground.
 1935 G. E. T. EYSTON & B. LYNDON *Motor Racing* vi. 56 Record breaking can be somewhat grim, as is shown by the land-speed attempts at Daytona.
 1963 *Times* 2 May 11/2 Donald Campbell reached 110 miles an hour on the salt flats here today when his turbo-jet car Bluebird made a first trial run for his world landspeed record bid.
 1971 *Guinness Bk. Records* (ed. 18) xi. 160 The highest land speed recorded by a woman is 335.070 m.p.h. by Mrs. Lee Ann Breedlove.

† **land-stall** *n.* *Obsolete* a staith or landing-place.

- 1739 *N. Riding Rec.* VIII. 227 Money laid out in repairing the land stall leading to Burn and Masham Bridges.

† **land-stead** *adj.* *U.S. Obsolete* provided with landed property.

- 1688 in *New Jersey Archives* (1881) II. 31 There is a gushet of about 2000 acres..which I design to take vp for you, being good land; so I think by farr you will be the best land-stead of any concerned in the province.
 c1701 in *New Jersey Archives* (1881) II. 34 He says I was in 1688, the best Land-stead of any concern'd in the Province.

land-steward *n.* one who manages a landed estate for the owner.

- 1535 W. STEWART tr. H. Boethius *Bk. Cron. Scotl.* (1858) II. 679 His land-stewart in the tyme he maid Ouir all Scotland.
- 1701 R. STEELE *Funeral* v. 72 He is not now with his Land-steward.
- 1899 S. R. CROCKETT *Kit Kennedy* xiv. 100 'My Lord', answered the land steward, meekly, 'were it a thing' [etc.].

land-stone *n.* a stone turned up in digging.

- 1796 CAPT. HAIG *Diary* in J. Russell *Haigs of Bemersyde* (1881) 482 Many land stones, some whin ones, but mostly all fine quarried stones.
- 1813 R. KERR *Agric. Surv. Berwick* 35 In all free soils, numerous stones, provincially termed land-stones, are found.
- 1886 R. HOLLAND *Gloss. Words County of Chester* Land stones, the name given..to the pebbles and boulders turned up in digging and draining.

land-stool *n.* ? *Scottish* = *land-stall n.*

- 1873 W. McDOWALL *Hist. Dumfries* I. 584 The pier or landstool was commenced.

† **land-strait** *n.* *Obsolete* an isthmus.

- 1601 R. JOHNSON tr. G. Botero *Trauellers Breuiat* 4 Peruana is..entironed on all sides with the sea, saue wheras the foresaide Land-streight doth ioine the same to Mexicana.
- 1625 R. MONTAGU *Appello Cæsarem* II. v. 158 In a Foreland or Landstreight where two Seas meet.

land-stream *n.* a current in the sea due to river waters.

- 1868 A. C. SWINBURNE *Poems & Ballads* (ed. 3) 73 The land-stream and the tide-stream in the sea.

† **land-strife** *n.* *Obsolete* strife with respect to land, agrarian contention.

- 1556 N. GRIMALD tr. Cicero *Thre Bks. Duties* II. f. 105^v Did not land-striues bring them to destruction?

land-swarmer *n.* apparently a kind of rocket.

- 1740 G. SMITH tr. *Laboratory* (rev. ed.) App. p. xxxv Charges for Land Swarmers or Small Rockets.

land-swell *n.* the roll of the water near the shore.

- 1812 J. WILSON *Isle of Palms* IV. 552 As her gilded prow is dancing Through the landswell.

land-take *n.* [Old Norse *land-taka*] the action of taking land; *spec.* with reference to the Norse colonization of Iceland, the land taken by a chief as his province.

- 1906 *Ann. Rep. Board of Regents Smithsonian Inst.* 1905 287 Until a Parliament for Iceland was established in 930 these chieftains were the rulers of the island, each in his district or land-take (land~nám), as it was called.
- 1908 W. G. COLLINGWOOD *Scand. Brit.* 193 In each landtake the bóndi fixed his homestead, neither on the exposed hill-top, nor on the marshy flat.
- 1927 E. V. GORDON *Introd. Old Norse* 235 The method of land-take used by settlers in Iceland; they carried fire through the land they were to occupy, and around its limits.

land-taxer *n.* one who believes in, or advocates, the taxing of land-values.

- 1905 *Westm. Gaz.* 13 Apr. 4/1 The land taxers have an idea that valuable sites are being held back by grasping ground landlords.
- 1909 *Daily Chron.* 30 Apr. 1/6 As land-taxers, we are thoroughly satisfied that we have got a complete system of land valuation.
- 1928 *Daily Express* 6 June 2/4 Colonel Wedgwood, the famous Socialist land-taxer.

land-thief *n.* (a) one who robs on land or ashore; (b) a robber of land.

- 1600 W. SHAKESPEARE *Merchant of Venice* I. iii. 23 There be land rats, and water rats, water theeues, and land theeues.
- 1865 C. KINGSLEY *Hereward* I. x. 229 I am Hereward the Berserker, the land-thief, the sea-thief.
- 1894 H. SPENCER in *Westm. Gaz.* 29 Aug. 8/2 The stronger peoples have been land-thieves from the beginning, and have remained land-thieves down to the present hour.

land-tide *n.* *Scottish* 'the undulating motion of the air, as perceived on a drougthy day' (Jamieson).

- 1818 *Edinb. Mag. & Lit. Misc.* Oct. 328/2 Whar the dew neer scanc't, nor the landtide danc't Nor rain had ever fawn.

land-trap *n.* an unfortunate speculation in land.

- 1801 *Spirit Farmer's Museum* 205 He bought lands in Boston at the time all their great men got caught in the Georgia land trap.

land-trash *n.* broken ice near the shore.

- 1856 E. K. KANE *Arctic Explor.* I. xxvi. 341 The land-trash is cemented by young ice.

† **land-turn** *n.* *Obsolete* a land-breeze.

- 1676 E. COLES *Eng. Dict.* Land-turn, the same from off the land by night, as a Breeze is off the Sea by day.

land-value *n.* the economic value of land in all respects, especially as a basis for rating or taxation.

- 1880 H. GEORGE *Progress & Poverty* VIII. ii. 365 To abolish all taxation save that upon land values.
- 1896 J. EDWARDS *Labour Ann.* 51 Sir Geo. Grey introduced in New Zealand in 1878, a tax on land values of $\frac{1}{2}d$ in the pound.
- 1900 W. SMART *Taxation of Land Values* 38 Of late years we have heard much of a proposal called the taxation of land values.
- 1900 W. SMART *Taxation Land Values* 60 The land value assessment.
- 1900 *Hansard's Parl. Deb.* 6 Feb. 730 Land Values Taxation (Scotland) Bill.
- 1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 20 Feb. 2/2 The rates charged on the land-value basis.
- 1909 *Daily Chron.* 30 Apr. 6/4 A large accumulation of land-value increment.
- 1962 H. R. LOYN *Anglo-Saxon Eng.* viii. 319 Considerable variation in land-values..occurred between 1066 and 1086.

land-valuation *n.*

- 1851 *Fraser's Mag.* 43 117 Luckily..for railway companies,..land-valuation is a remarkably elastic art.
- 1908 *Daily Chron.* 6 Aug. 8/3 The land-valuation proposals of the Government.

land-valuer *n.* one whose profession is to examine and declare the value of land or landed estates.

- 1844 R. COBDEN *Speeches* (1870) I. 127 They are all auctioneers and land-valuers.

land-waiter *n.* = *landing-waiter n.* at **LANDING** *n.* Compounds 2.

- 1711 J. SWIFT *Examiner* No. 28. ¶4 Give a Guinea to a Knavish Land-Waiter, and he shall connive at the Merchant for cheating the Queen of an Hundred.
- 1809 R. LANGFORD *Introd. Trade* 132 Land waiter or *searcher*, a Custom-House officer who enters goods imported.

land-war *n.* (a) a war waged on land, opposed to a *naval war*; (b) a 'war' or contention with respect to land or landed property.

- 1714 Q. ANNE in *London Gaz.* No. 5204/2 They are Delivered from a Consuming Land-War.
- 1870 R. W. EMERSON *Society & Solitude* 228 Who, sitting in his closet, can lay out the plans of a campaign,—sea-war and land-war.
- 1873 J. GODKIN (*title*) The Land-War in Ireland.

land-warrant *n.* U.S. (see quot. 1858).

- 1769 *Maryland Hist. Mag.* 12 285 I think you told me there was some land warrant due to you.
- 1877 T. JEFFERSON *Writings* (1859) II. 334 Sharpers had duped so many with their unlocated land-warrants.
- 1858 P. L. SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade Products* Land-warrant, a title to a lot of public land; an American security or official document for entering or settling upon government land, much dealt in among jobbers.

land-wash *n.* the wash of the tide near the shore.

1589 *Voy. W. Towrson* in R. Hakluyt *Princ. Navigations* I. 114 The land wash went so sore, that it ouerthrew his boate, and one of the men was drowned.

1891 *Blizzard of 1891* ii. 26 Breakers fell with great force close to the landwash and over the promenade.

† **land-water** *adj.* *Obsolete* amphibious, nondescript.

1722 D. DEFOE *Moll Flanders* 68 This amphibious Creature, this Land-water-thing, call'd, a Gentleman-Tradesman.

land wheel *n.* the wheel of a plough that runs on the unploughed land.

1742 W. ELLIS *Mod. Husbandman* Sept. iv. 35 The Land-Wheel being obliged to go on the Turf, its Share is kept too high.

1960 *Farmer & Stockbreeder* 15 Mar. 102/3 For a one-man unit the spreader should be land-wheel-driven for ease of hitching on and off.

1970 G. E. EVANS *Where Beards wag All* ii. 46 A two-horse iron plough with round coulter, land and furrow wheel.

1972 *Country Life* 10 Feb. 321/3 It [sc. a plough] had no land wheel, so that depth had to be kept by bearing on the stilts.

† **land-wine** *n.* [compare Dutch *landwijn*, German *landwein*] *Obsolete* wine of native or home growth.

1390–1 *Earl Derby's Exped.* (Camden) 47 Lautre barell continente xxix stopas de lande-wyn.

1574 J. BARET *Aluearie* L 80 Land wine, or of our owne countrie growing, *vinum indigena*.

land wire *n.* = LANDLINE *n.* 2.

1876 W. H. PREECE & J. SIVEWRIGHT *Telegraphy* v. 128 Between London and Amsterdam there are 130 miles of land wire over the Great Eastern Railway, then a cable 120 miles long, and then 20 more miles of land wire.

1908 *Westm. Gaz.* 24 Feb. 4/1 The..cable from Ascension touches land in Cornwall., whence a land-wire passed the signals on to Greenwich.

1930 *Aberdeen Press & Jnl.* 23 Jan. 7/6 A microphone was installed at 10 Downing Street, and the Premier's words were carried by land wire to Chelmsford.

landworthiness *n.* fitness to travel over land.

1794–1811 LD. ELLENBOROUGH in Espinasse *Rep.* III. 259 He would expect a clear landworthiness in the carriage itself to be established.

land-yacht *n.* a land vehicle similar to a yacht.

1928 *Daily Express* 26 May 9/3 There was shown at Olympia last year a 'land-yacht' that was palatial in its appointments.

1967 *Times* 23 Jan. 9 A school that has its own land yacht, wind tunnel, go-kart and canoeing clubs.

land-yard *n. local* (see quot. 1828).

1828 N. CARLISLE *Hist. Acct. Comm. conc. Charities* 295 Two staves or 18 feet, in..Cornwall, are a Land Yard, and 160 Land Yards are an English acre.

1869 R. D. BLACKMORE *Lorna Doone* I. xii. 142 I could smell supper, when hungry, through a hundred landyards of fog.

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a. the land *n.* the (cultivable) earth viewed as a repository of natural resources and the chief source of human sustenance or livelihood.

Frequently in phrases: see BACK TO THE LAND *n.*, *the fat of the land* at FAT *n.*²

2c, *to live off the land* at LIVE *v.*¹ Phrases 17.

c1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite) Gen. xlv. 18 I shall ȝyue to ȝow al the goodis of Egipte, that ȝe eeten the mary of the loond.

1766 W. BLACKSTONE *Comm. Laws Eng.* II. II. v. 67 The king used to take..the *first fruits*, that is to say, one year's profits of the land.

1954 W. FAULKNER *Fable* 399 Work is the only anesthetic to which grief is vulnerable... Restoring the land would..palliate the grief.

1990 *EastWest* Dec. 52/2 The industrial eater is..one who does not know that eating is an agricultural act, who no longer imagines the connections between eating and the land.

b. on the land *n.* *Australian* in or into a rural (esp. agricultural) occupation or way of life.

1902 *Advocate* (Burnie, Tasmania) 20 Feb. 4/1 Go on the Land!

1930 R. V. BILLIS & A. S. KENYON *Pastures New* iii. 50 Charles Bonney..not caring for the shackles of the Sydney Government routine, went on the land.

1984 *Bulletin* (Sydney) 24 Apr. 68/1 I was born on the land... I've farmed my own properties since 1948.

1989 J. CONWAY *Road from Coorain* (1990) iii. 6 The contingent of country boys in the school..expected to go back home to a cheerfully horsey life on the land.

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Land of Little Sticks *n.* (also **Land of the Little Sticks**) *Canadian* a sub-arctic region of northern Canada, whose vegetation includes stunted and dwarf trees. *land of the free*: see **FREE** *n.* 3b.

- 1896 C. WHITNEY *On Snow-Shoes to Barren Grounds* xvi. 187 No man may consider himself an expert until he has driven dogs and handled a sledge over such country as that approaching the Land of the Little Sticks.
- 1930 R. W. SERVICE *Coll. Verse* 301 Why do you linger all alone in the splendid emptiness, Scouring the Land of the Little Sticks on the trail of the caribou?
- 1965 F. SYMINGTON *Tuktu* 9 Urged by the high suns of May, the snow retreats through the land of the Little Sticks and the caribou pour out on the tundra.
- 1993 *Up Here* (Yellowknife, N.W. Territories) Aug. 39/1 East of the North Arm, you're in the Land of Little Sticks, the Dene name for the rugged granite and uncountable lakes of the Canadian Shield where stunted birches, pine and spruce somehow cling to the rock.

land of opportunity *n.* (applied esp. to the United States of America).

- 1948 H. L. MENCKEN *Amer. Lang.* Suppl. II. 636 New Mexico..has also been called..the Land of Opportunity.
- 1965 J. VON STERNBERG *Fun in Chinese Laundry* (1966) i. 11 Had the land of opportunity been good to him, he might have taken time out to reflect.
- 1991 D. RIEFF *Los Angeles* II. vi. 100 It was said that criminals from South Central L.A. referred to the Westside and the Valley as the 'lands' for lands of opportunity.

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land developer *n.*

- 1961 *Providence Jrnl.* 3 Feb. 21/7 While land developers tell them when, where, and in what manner the community shall grow.
- 1984 S. BELLOW *Him with his Foot in his Mouth* 33 Numerous failed entrepreneurs had preceded him in this private park, the oilmen and land developers who had caused this monument to be built.

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land management *n.*

- 1944 E. H. GRAHAM *Nat. Princ. Land Use* xiv. 230 To many people, ecology and land management are very general terms.
- 1988 *National Trust Thames & Chilterns News* Spring 1 Balance is fundamental to the Trust's policy and is vital to good rural land management.

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land manager *n.*

- 1909 *Westm. Gaz.* 16 June 1/3 A skilful land-manager undoubtedly confers a benefit on the public.
- 1986 *Farmers Weekly* 3 Jan. 9/4 Land managers should meet the market demand for food.

DRAFT ADDITIONS 1997**land settlement** *n.*

- 1924 S. H. ROBERTS *Hist. Austral. Land Settlement* p. xiii I conceived the idea of surveying the whole field of land settlement.
- 1987 *N.Y. Times* 5 Aug. A26/2 A merging of Sri Lanka's northern and eastern provinces into a single united province with its own legislature and control of law enforcement and land settlement.

DRAFT ADDITIONS 1997**land-bound** *adj.*

- 1972 F. RAPHAEL *April, June & Nov.* 382 Sometimes their captains become landbound and turn into shopkeepers.
- 1983 G. PRIESTLAND *At Large* 124 We seem to have become a landbound people who no longer do business in great waters.
- 1993 *Sci. Amer.* Jan. 90/2 For land-bound latecomers such as primates., the only possible means of access to Madagascar was by 'rafting'.

DRAFT ADDITIONS 1997**land terrapin** *n.* (also *transferred*).

- 1709 J. LAWSON *New Voy. Carolina* 133 The Land-Terebin is of several Sizes, but generally Round-Mouth'd and not Hawks-Bill'd, as some are.
- 1896 R. LYDEKKER *Royal Nat. Hist.* V. 65 The spinose land-terrapin (*Geoemyda spinosa*).
- 1939 *Florida: Guide to Southernmost State* (Federal Writers' Project) I. 28 Turtles found in Florida are..the mud turtles, and a land terrapin which is peculiar to the State.
- 1952 B. HARWIN *Home is Upriver* i.9 Kip did not know these people, except that they were river folk, and therefore not strangers like the land terrapins.

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landnam *n.* [< Danish *landnam* occupation of land (J. Iversen 1941, in *Danmarks Geol. Undersøgelse* 2nd Ser. **66**); compare *landnám* *n.* at Compounds 3.] *Archaeology* the clearance of forested land for (usually short-term) agricultural purposes; esp. such an event as evidenced by sudden changes in pollen spectra.

- 1950 F. E. ZEUNER *Dating Past* (ed. 2) iv. 78 Iversen holds that these changes indicate the arrival of farmers, the phase of landnam or land occupation, that the charcoal comes from clearance fires.
- 1973 P. A. COLINVAUX *Introd. Ecol.* vii. 108 A landnam event has been found in many parts of Europe, everywhere first dated at about 5000 years ago and suggesting that men quickly learnt the new ways from each other throughout the whole continent.
- 1980 K. RANDSBORG *Viking Age in Denmark* iv. 53 The first stage is the Neolithic landnam, which, for example, is earlier on the Danish islands than in, say, southern Norway.
- 1991 *Antiquity* **65** 997/2 One can more easily envisage the strategy of midslope settlement and radial remuages as a late rationalization of a landnam.

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land-wash *n.* originally and chiefly *North American*, the part of a beach which is washed by the sea.

- 1770 G. CARTWRIGHT *Jrnl.* 26 Oct. (1792) I. 49 They had tailed a trap on the land-wash at the head of Niger Sound.
- 1969 F. MOWAT *Boat who wouldn't Float* iii. 22 Two-score..houses..clambered up the slope from the landwash.
- 1991 *Newfoundland Lifestyle* Aug. 19/3 Sail out of it she did, to the applause and wonder of about a thousand people on the wharf, along the landwash, and on the low hill across the road.

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As the second element in compounds: forming nouns with the senses 'the notional realm or domain dominated by or centred around —', 'a world typified or characterized by —'.

- 1831 T. MOORE *Summer Fête* 498 Two Exquisites, a he and she, Just brought from Dandyland, and meant For Fashion's grand Menagerie.
- 1891 A. CONAN DOYLE *Red-headed League* in *Strand Mag.* Aug. A sandwich and a cup of coffee, and then off to violin-land where..there are no red-headed clients to vex us.
- 1906 *Daily Chron.* 6 Nov. 3/3 They live in 'dot-and-dash-land', in a world of broken utterances, implied confidences, and vague memories.
- 1920 E. WHARTON *Let.* 12 Dec. (1988) 434 Give my best love to Mary, & tell her that I count on her too, after grandchild-land.
- 1969 A. MACLEAN *Puppet on Chain* ii. 35 People operating on the fringes of junky-land.
- 1988 S. RUSHDIE *Satanic Verses* v. i. 266 Chamcha had long suspected he'd made up the story, with its perfect ad-land components—Scandinavian icequeen, two thugs, expensive cars, Valance in the Blofeld role and

007 nowhere on the scene.

2000 A. CALCUTT *Brit Cult* 433/2 The traditional Aga-tale of adultery in Barbour-land.

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